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## Pay problem 22 Lanka cleaners may be deported

By Fathima Ahmed Arab Times staff

TWENTY-TWO Sri Lankan cleaners who sought help for non-payment of wages are being threatened with deportation by their employer.

The group of 22 is among 83 cleaners of a local company who sought the assistance of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to get two months back pay and an "aqama" (residence), which has not been provided since their arrival in batches in March and April last year.

"If they don't create trouble for 'mama' and sign a pledge of good behaviour I'll be good to them; but if they create a problem, we'll have them deported," the manager of the company told the Arab Times in a telephone interview.

"Mama" (mother) is a title given to women in authority.

### Pledge

She said the cleaners are liars and claimed they have been paid regularly.

"They (cleaners) have created much problems for us, and we have prepared a list of 22 workers for deportation," she said.

She also said, in the presence of ministry officials and her company representative the cleaners "agreed to sign a pledge of good behaviour." They also agreed to abide by the ministry's decision.

Later, the cleaners went back on their word to sign the pledge, she claimed.

"This is enough reason to have them deported," she said.

But the cleaners claim ministry officials also asked the company to pay the arrears and provide visas.

The cleaners told the Arab Times they refused to sign a pledge because they fear it will be used against them by their employer.

"Mama said she will deport us; we fear our pledge may be used against us; we have no papers to prove anything; they never gave us anything. What is our fault? We just asked for the payment of arrears," said the cleaners.

The cleaners have no valid documents — residence permit, identity card or a civil ID card — to prove the legitimacy of their stay in Kuwait.

They are at the mercy of their employer, who renews a company identity card every three months. The cleaners pay for their food and earn between KD25 and KD35 per month; cleaning the premises of the National Museum, ports and Arabic schools in Jahra.

**Absent**

"When the schools close for a 15-day holiday, we are not sent for work but our salary is deducted. Once half of my salary was deducted for this 15-day period," said one cleaner.

"We are marked absent at the whim and fancy of our supervisor," the cleaners claimed.

Sri Lankan diplomats confirmed the 22 workers are under threat of deportation. They said the cleaners have been "subjected to many hardships, including assault, and live in conditions not fit for human habitation." The diplomats said a cleaner who is declared an "absentee" is fined KD15.

Sri Lankan embassy officials said the case of the 83 cleaners, who approached the embassy in August last year, will be taken up with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Khomeini grooming son to become successor

BAHRAIN, April 24, (Agencies): Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini has cast aside earlier reservations about bringing his son to the forefront of Iranian politics, and is grooming him to become his designated successor, Iranian opposition sources and Western diplomats say.

Khomeini's apparent move came after the octogenarian cleric sacked his former designated successor, 65-year-old moderate Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, for questioning the achievements of the 10-year-old Islamic revolution and complaining that Iran was gaining a reputation as a murderous nation.

The Tehran daily Kayhan, which usually reflects official views, made an unprecedented attack yesterday on Montazeri, who official news media still say voluntarily resigned his post.

"Khomeini intends to fill the vacuum created by Montazeri's disposal with his son Ahmad, as his regime's sham presidential elections approach," said

Massoud Rajavi, leader of the Iraq-based leftist Mujahideen-e-Khalq Iranian opposition group.

Khomeini's decision would mark a radical change in policy for the Iranian leader, who as recently as October last year rejected a request by three prominent Iranian leaders for his only surviving son to become involved in even a relatively minor government post.

The move by the three Iranian leaders was part of an internal power struggle

that intensified after Iran on Aug 20 accepted a ceasefire in the Gulf war. But Khomeini, in a message broadcast on Tehran Radio, rejected the request and said his son should remain "free."

Gulf-based Western diplomats monitoring events in Iran said Khomeini was now left with no choice but to gradually promote his son if he wanted his unique brand of Islamic fundamentalism to survive him.

"Simply put, there is no one else

Khomeini can trust to carry on his legacy after he dies except his son Ahmad," one envoy said in a telephone interview.

Iran has arrested the director-general of its Foreign Ministry who seems to have been accused of spying for the US, the Mujahideen-e-Khalq, said today.

Iran's newly-appointed Deputy Foreign Minister for European and US Affairs, Mahmoud Vaezi, flew to East Germany today for an official visit, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

## European experts to rectify grid fault

Power failures

KUWAIT, April 24, (Agencies): Kuwait is gathering a group of prominent European power experts seeking to rectify a fault in the electricity network that has caused two major blackouts in four months, Minister of Electricity and Water Homoud Al Rqobah was quoted as saying today.

Rqobah told a Kuwaiti daily that engineers from Britain, France and West Germany will arrive in Kuwait next week "to study the performance of the power network and propose solutions for averting the repetition of technical faults."

A failure at the Zoor power generating plant on April 13 plunged large parts of the country into darkness. Another failure at the same power station, the most up-to-date of Kuwait's power plants, occurred on Dec 13.

The cabinet, meeting under HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, yesterday approved the recruitment of foreign experts and issued strict instructions to the ministry's personnel to avoid cutoff in the electric current.

After the last power failure on April 13, Sheikh Saad warned that all those responsible for the power collapse should be punished.

All measures and precautions should be taken to avoid the repetition of such failures which profoundly affected the interests of the public, Sheikh Saad said.

At least three ranking officials of the Ministry of Electricity and Water were suspended following the December failure.

Rqobah, who presented a detailed report to the cabinet yesterday, said that there was a need for "re-distributing the power loads."

Rqobah said the ministry has taken a number of measures to prevent power failure in the future.

He added that four units in Al Zoor power stations have stopped working and this led to fall in frequency from 50.04 to 47.33 hertz which in turn caused a stoppage in the work of most stations on April 13.

The MEW is at present studying the possibility of separating big stations such as the southern Al Zoor and west Doha from the electricity grid in case of a storing frequently fall to ensure the continuation of their operation and to link them again with the grid in a short period of time, the minister said.

**Diplomats attacked**

CALCUTTA, April 24, (UPI): Irate communist jute workers attacked six Soviet diplomats trying to hold a leisurely picnic in West Bengal, and Moscow's envoys were only saved when the assailants were confronted with gunfire, officials said today.

## Jordan's premier offers resignation

Hussein to take swift action

AMMAN, April 24, (Agencies): Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai offered his resignation to King Hussein today, a senior Jordanian official said.

Last week several towns and villages in Jordan were rocked by violent anti-government protests triggered by sharp increases in the price of basic commodities.

"Rifai handed in his resignation this morning, and naturally his majesty will accept it," the official said. Other official sources said it is not clear whether the King has accepted the resignation.

Rifai, 53, has faced a growing chorus of demands for his resignation from tribal and professional organisations after eight people were killed and at least 100 injured in the riots mainly in the south of the country.

The official said Rifai's resignation meant the 25 other members of his cabinet would also quit.

King Hussein returned home yesterday cutting short a foreign tour in order to deal with the unrest.

Jordan's official news agency Petra reported that the King had told Iraqi President Saddam Hussein last evening that he would take swift action to deal with all the reasons for the protests.

The Iraqi President paid a brief visit to Amman, but diplomats said Rifai did not attend their talks and dinner.

Sources said Rifai had earlier cleaned out his office in the prime ministry.

Rifai is a boyhood friend of King Hussein, and has long served as royal adviser both in and out of office.

Diplomats were surprised by the speed with which the prime minister had tendered his resignation.

One Arab envoy had said the monarch faced the delicate task of containing discontent while not making Rifai a scapegoat for the disturbances.

The senior Jordanian official said King Hussein was meeting senior aides today to discuss formation of a new cabinet.

The riots, which erupted last Tuesday in the southern town of Ma'an followed price rises of between 15 and 50 per cent in basic commodities.

The price hikes were part of a package of economic reforms agreed with the International Monetary Fund to help Jordan cut its budget deficit.

Rifai has been prime minister for four years and was given special responsibility by the King for economic development.

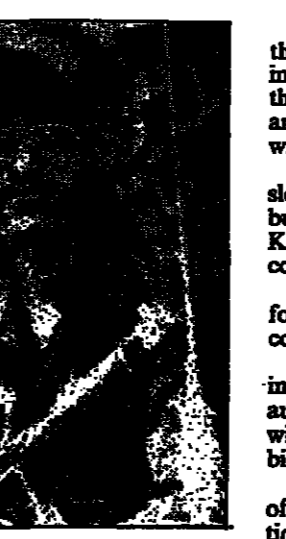
But political observers say most of his triumphs were in diplomacy rather than in dealing with domestic issues.

He headed ties with neighboring Syria in 1985, and was credited with a proposal to cut Jordan's administrative and legal ties with the Israeli-ruled West Bank. The move was carried out last July.

"The country has deserted Rifai, a Jordanian analyst said a few hours before news of the prime minister's resignation emerged.

"The personal friendship of the King and Rifai is not in question. It's a matter of national security, stability and prosperity," he said.

Crown Prince Hassan was quoted yesterday as telling a Saudi Arabian newspaper that the week of rioting against price hikes by themselves would not force a change. "Government changes are first and foremost a



A Jordanian riot policeman guards shops in Salt. (Reuters wirephoto)



Several thousand people rallied on the Champs-Elysees yesterday, calling on the French government to do more to save war-torn Lebanon. Picture shows thousands of demonstrators holding banners and Lebanese flags to support Lebanese unity. (Reuters wirephoto)

## League may send truce observers

Aoun suspends ferry service

KUWAIT, April 24, (Agencies): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said today the Arab League's six-man team on Lebanon will propose sending an observer force to the strife-torn nation to monitor a ceasefire between warring Christian and Muslim factions.

"There is an Arab League suggestion to send an observer force to supervise implementation of (a) ceasefire," Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed told reporters.

Sheikh Sabah called on all Arab states and not just the six nations represented on the Arab League committee to contribute to the force with manpower and cash.

He also said he hoped foreign ministers of the Arab League council slated to hold an emergency meeting on Lebanon in Tunis on Wednesday, will be able to reach "a formula acceptable to all parties in order to restore security, stability and tranquility" to the Middle East nation.

Gulf-based officials, who asked not to be identified, said the Arab League proposals included convening round-table talks after the ceasefire between all factions to work toward national reconciliation.

Lebanon's Parliament would then meet to elect a speaker and a new president, committed to reforming the Christian-dominated political system.

"One of the main points of the Arab League proposals is the withdrawal of all foreign powers from Lebanon," said the official.

Christian Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun ordered two Cypriot ferries to stop sailing to Lebanon today suspending the Christians' only escape route while a French Navy ship unloaded fuel to activate Beirut's power plants.

An aide to Aoun said the suspension of the ferry was demanded by France while the tanker Pen-

## Palestinian shot dead in Gaza, PLO role in Jordan praised

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 24, (AP): Israeli soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian and reportedly wounded seven others today, following a day of widespread protests in the Gaza Strip in which hospitals listed more than 50 people injured by Army gunfire.

In Jerusalem, a cabinet minister from the left-leaning Labour Party praised the PLO for blocking efforts by radical Palestinian factions to further incite last week's rioting in neighbouring Jordan.

Moshe Shahal, Israel's Minister for Energy, told Army radio that the PLO blocked the distribution of leaflets aimed at undermining Jordan.

"The participation of the PLO administration in the Jordanian intifadah (uprising) and the prevention of the distribution of leaflets from the leftist factions — shows that the PLO plays a central role in Lebanon, with the (Palestinian) diaspora there, in Jordan and certainly here," Shahal told the radio.

Shahal called on Israel to formulate a clear response to the aims of the Palestinians. His comments came as a split has developed in the Israeli government over whether to negotiate with the PLO.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir says Israel will never hold talks with the group, but several Labour Party ministers have urged a change in Israel's stand.

The Army today confirmed the death of 24-year-old Amjad El Masmari from the village of Deir Sufan near Ramallah.

Arab reporters said he was killed late last night when the soldiers opened fire after an Army raiding party was attacked by stone-throwing youths.

The death brought to 447 the number of Palestinians killed in the 16-month uprising against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Eighteen Israelis also have been killed.

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## Syria to attend Arab summit, conciliatory towards Iraq

ABU DHABI, April 24, (UPI): Syria today said it will take part in an emergency Arab summit meeting that could approve Egypt's return to the 22-member Arab League and reconcile Damascus' troubled relations with Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

"Syria will participate in the emergency Arab summit called for by Morocco in May," Syrian

Foreign Minister Farouq Shara told the official Emirates news agency.

King Hassan of Morocco last week invited Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to the May 20 summit, the first ever to be attended by Egypt since 1979.

Asked whether Syria continued to oppose Egypt's return to the Tunis-based league, Shara said: "We consider that our rela-

tions with sisterly Egypt are developing in a satisfactory and positive way."

He said Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has recently indicated the issue of Egypt's return would be discussed at the Arab summit. Assad, had previously linked such a likelihood to Cairo's abrogation of its peace treaty with Israel.

Shara, who ended two days of talks with UAE leaders and flew to New Delhi, also struck a conciliatory tone on Syria's relations with Iraq and the PLO.

Asked on the possibility of a reconciliation between Syria and Iraq on the sidelines of the summit meeting, Shara told the agency: "We believe that an end to inter-Arab differences is in the interest of all Arab nations."

On relations with the PLO, the

minister said Assad has also given his approval that the Syrian leadership meet with a Palestinian delegation in response to Arab and friendly mediation efforts.

Asked whether PLO leader Yasser Arafat was expected in Damascus shortly, the agency quoted Shara as saying: "Syria is with dialogue to reach positive results."

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Grand Bingo

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# Cheney wants to cut flab off SDI, delay Stealth

## Soviet population rises

MOSCOW, April 24, (Reuters): The Soviet population has risen to 286.7 million people from 281.7 million two years ago, according to results of a January census released on Saturday.

The figures, published in the government newspaper Izvestia, showed 116 million people were employed in industry, 10.5 million in collective farming and 2.7 million in the growing co-operative sector.

## Soviets invite Emperor Akihito

TOKYO, April 24, (UPI): The Soviet Union has informally invited new Japanese Emperor Akihito to visit Moscow in what was regarded in Japan as the Soviet invitation diplomacy. Kyodo News Service reported yesterday.

Kyodo said the invitation was extended by Anatoly Lukyanov, first vice president of the Soviet parliament, during his visit to Tokyo to attend the funeral of the late Emperor Hirohito in February.

## Turks, Skinheads clash

BERLIN, April 24, (AP): About 20 Turks and 15 German extremists, known as "Skinheads," fought with knives and truncheons in a racial clash in West Berlin, and six people were hurt, police said yesterday.

German "Skinheads," who shave their heads, are often right-wing radicals who want Turks and other foreigners ejected from German territory.

## Conservative Party leads

LONDON, April 24, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party has regained a slim lead over the opposition Labour Party in the latest public opinion poll.

The Harris Poll, published in the Observer yesterday, indicates 42 per cent of those questioned favour the Conservatives compared with 39 per cent for Labour. Last month, the two main parties each drew support from 41 per cent of those polled.

## Choir members killed

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, April 24, (AP): Nine members of a youth choir riding in a pick-up truck were killed in a head-on collision with a bus, police said yesterday.

Nine other members of the choir were seriously injured in the accident, which occurred Saturday night as the group of mixed-race singers was returning home from a practice session.

## Private plane crashes

BONN, West Germany, April 24, (AP): A small private plane crashed in a mountainous area of southern West Germany, killing all seven people on board, police said yesterday.

Rescuers had been searching for the two-engine Cessna 421 since it disappeared Saturday night on a flight from Corsica and found the wreckage yesterday morning.

## Air security inadequate

GENEVA, April 24, (UPI): Air travel security remains inadequate in many regions and the overall situation is still critical, International Air Transport Association (IATA) Director General Gunter Eser said today.

Eser said an IATA executive committee meeting called for better co-ordination of civil aviation security standards and application of at least minimum requirements worldwide.

## Rats gnawed baby's body

JOHANNESBURG, April 24, (Reuters): Rats gnawed the face and body of a two-year-old baby at a Soweto township hospital shortly after she died, according to reports published yesterday.

The City Press newspaper quoted officials of Baragwanath, the main hospital for the sprawling black township outside Johannesburg, as saying the baby was taken from a ward to a sluice room after dying of pneumonia.

## Restriction on abortions

WASHINGTON, April 24, (UPI): A state-by-state survey released yesterday showed that 22 states would severely restrict abortions if the supreme court overturned the landmark Roe vs. Wade decision legalising abortion.

The survey, conducted by Newsweek magazine, also found that at least 12 states and Washington, DC, would opt for new restrictions on abortion and 16 other states shaped up as definite battlegrounds, with opinions too tough to predict.

## Italian nurse charged

ROME, April 24, (Reuters): A male nurse has been arrested on charges of piercing the ears of an 84-year-old patient as a punishment for complaining about hospital treatment, Italian police said yesterday.

Luciano Bruno is accused of cruelty and causing harm to Enzo Mariani, suffering from heart trouble and senile dementia at a Rome hospital. Bruno has denied the charges.

## Environmental problems

RICHMOND, Virginia, April 24, (UPI): Astronomer Carl Sagan warns that without worldwide co-operation, quickly growing environmental problems soon will wipe out the human race.

Sagan said in the last presentation of this season's Richmond Forum that some technological advances have put humanity at risk.

## Reopen investigation

DETROIT, April 24, (UPI): The manufacturer of a Northwest Airlines jet that crashed on takeoff and killed 156 people in 1987 is asking the federal government to reopen its investigation into the disaster because of evidence that the plane's warning system may have been shut off, a published report said yesterday.

## Weapons to Kampuchea

BANGKOK, April 24, (Reuters): France, seeking a peacekeeper role in Kampuchea and expanded contacts with Indochina, has been put on the spot by reports it sent nine tonnes of weapons to opposition leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Paris said reports that France sent arms to Sihanouk's non-communist Kampuchean guerrilla group were "totally groundless."

## Soviets stage war games

OSLO, April 24, (Reuters): Twelve Soviet warships supported by bombers are fighting a mock battle in the strategic waters off northern Norway, defence officials said yesterday.

The ships, from the huge northern fleet on the Kola peninsula and including the newest Soviet aircraft carrier, took up positions in the Norwegian and Barents Sea late last week.

WASHINGTON, April 24, (Agencies): US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney is calling for cuts in proposed Star Wars spending and a delay in the B-2 Stealth bomber to meet the \$299.2 billion Defence Department budget the Bush administration and congressional leaders have agreed upon.

Cheney, in a television interview yesterday, also said President Bush has decided to

move ahead with two kinds of mobile strategic missiles, combining the MX and the Midgetman missiles in the nation's defence.

The defence secretary is scheduled to appear before Congress tomorrow to detail the cuts.

Bush decided to cut spending on Star Wars, formally known as the Strategic Defence Initiative or SDI, to \$4.6 billion for fiscal year 1990, down from the \$5.9

billion proposed by former president Reagan. Over the next five years, Bush would spend \$33 billion on the space-based missile defence system, compared to Reagan's proposed \$40.

Cheney said the President will shift the focus of SDI from deployment sometime in the 1990s to research on a more advanced system, known as "Brilliant Pebbles," consisting of thousands of orbiting satellites.

## NATO deployment

## Baker in missile talks with Germans

WASHINGTON, April 24, (AP): Two top West German officials are holding hurriedly arranged talks with US Secretary of State James Baker III on a sensitive issue of NATO missile deployment.

In the meeting set for today, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Defence Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg are expected to press the United States to open an early round of negotiations with the Soviet Union, aimed at reducing short-range nuclear missiles.

The United States and Britain have expressed opposition to such a move, fearing it could lead to stripping the NATO allies of their ground-based nuclear weaponry, leaving them at the mercy of stronger Warsaw Pact conventional forces.

But the idea of holding talks on the missiles has gained favour recently in West Germany, where the government coalition headed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl is facing an erosion of popularity and is under extreme pressure to push for the talks.

The missiles are a subject of irritation in West Germany. Because of their short range, the nuclear-tipped missiles are designed to be used almost exclusively on West German territory.

Also, the German public has been expressing waning interest in deploying a new generation of missiles while Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has been cutting back his forces in Eastern Europe.

Diplomatic sources told the Associated Press that the German officials had requested a meeting with US President George Bush because of the importance of their mission.

Bush, however, planned to travel today to Norfolk, Virginia, for the USS Iowa memorial service. So a quickly arranged luncheon with the secretary of state was sought instead.

The diplomatic sources, who asked not to be identified by name, said the request for the meetings was made on Friday. The announcement that the meeting had been scheduled came just a few hours later.

The request came one day after North Atlantic Treaty Organisation defence ministers in Brussels ended a two-day session by sidestepping the short-range missile quandary.

The United States and Britain argued in favour of producing and deploying a more modern version of the missile, while the several European nations pressed for early negotiations with the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact.

Kohl wants NATO to postpone a decision on modernising the missile until after his country's national elections in December 1990.

US officials agreed to delay such a decision, but want to move forward on research and development of the newer version.

The May 29-30 session in Brussels is designed to forge a blueprint for the 16-nation pact's future arms control strategy.



A sailor from the battleship USS Iowa clutches a rose and hugs a loved one during an emotional homecoming in Norfolk on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bush to pay last respects

Service for Iowa victims

WASHINGTON, April 24, (AP): US President George Bush is flying to a naval base to pay last respects to the victims of the USS Iowa explosion as he starts a four-day trip including a visit to California and a reunion with former President Ronald Reagan.

Bush, a World War II Navy pilot, was leading a memorial service at a Norfolk naval air station hangar for the 47 sailors who perished during last Wednesday's blast in the battleship's No. 2 gun turret.

The President told reporters the principal goal of the government and the military should be to "find out what happened in infinite detail, check all procedures to be sure that safety is at the highest point."

Bush added the Norfolk visit at the start of the busiest domestic trip he has undertaken since his inauguration last Jan 20. By the time he returns to Washington Thursday night, Bush will have visited Virginia, Illinois, North Dakota, California, Texas and Florida.

In Chicago, Bush was to take stock of his presidency and his legislative agenda during a luncheon speech to the annual meeting of newspaper publishers who

are members of the Associated Press.

From there, he was travelling to North Dakota's capital city of Bismarck — the first incumbent President to visit there since Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 — where he was to plant a tree to mark the state's centennial.

Bush then was scheduled to fly west to California, where he had defence-related and narcotics-related speeches before sitting down for coffee Tuesday morning with Reagan at the former president's Fox Plaza office suite. Later in the week, he will address the Texas legislature in Austin and make drug-related appearances in Miami and Clearwater, Florida.

Bush reportedly telephoned Reagan recently to apologise for newspaper accounts that quoted unnamed Bush aides as comparing Bush favourably to the now-retired two-term president.

In advance of his visit to the Norfolk naval air station, where he was joining some 3,000 other mourners, Bush had said it would be premature to consider the Iowa and her three sister World War II-vintage battleships as obsolete. He said he "wouldn't jump" to such a conclusion.

## Final hearing tomorrow

## Miss Kim may be found guilty

SEOUL, April 24, (AP): A confessed North Korean spy who says she wants to die was expected to be found guilty and sentenced to death tomorrow for the 1987 bombing of a South Korean airliner that killed 115 people.

But officials said on condition of anonymity that Kim Hyon Hui was expected to be pardoned on grounds she was duped by communist North Korea and has repented. The officials said she could face a prison sentence.

Miss Kim was to appear tomorrow at Seoul district court for the final hearing in her trial on charges of planting a bomb aboard a Korea Air Boeing 707. The plane disappeared Nov. 29, 1987, over the Andaman Sea on a flight from Baghdad to Seoul.

North Korea has denied it had anything to do with the incident, which it claims was engineered by South Korea to embarrass the North.

NEW YORK, April 24, (UPI): A teenager from Harlem arrested in the rape and bludgeoning of a woman as she jogged in central park told a newspaper, the 28-year-old Wall Street investment banker screamed in vain as she was attacked.

"Someone said, 'go out and grab her,'" the New York Post quoted the 14-year-old suspect yesterday as saying.

The young suspect, whose name was not disclosed, said he was with 11 youths from upper Manhattan who waited in a grove of trees on Wednesday as the woman unwittingly jogged toward them on a moonlit springtime evening.

"She was screaming, 'help, help me' and she screamed when they caught her again. 'Help, stop,'" the youth said.

"Somebody hit her with a fist. She was putting up a fight. He punched her with his fist four times. She was knocked out."

And then? "Somebody dragged her to the bushes."

The youth said three of the attackers had sex with the woman before she was dragged away and raped again. Police have confirmed they believe the woman was raped, "in shifts" during the attack, which left her in a coma and in critical condition with skull fractures and the loss of most of her blood.

"SDI is alive and well, but like everything else, it has to fit into reduced budget," Cheney said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" programme.

Bush turned down Cheney's recommendation to move the nation's 50 MX missiles, with 10 warheads apiece, from silos to deployment on railroad cars rather than develop a single-warhead missile to be based on trucks.

The single-warhead missile is backed by National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and the chairmen of the Senate and House armed services committees, Democratic Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, and Democratic Rep. Les Aspin of Wisconsin.

Cheney said the administration plans to keep all four World War II vintage battleships in the fleet despite an explosion last week aboard one of them, the

USS Iowa, that killed 47 sailors.

Cheney also said the US would resist opening talks with the Soviet Union on reducing short-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Cheney made his remarks in advance of a visit to Washington by West Germany's foreign and defence ministers who are to explain their country's reservations about modernising NATO's short-range nuclear missile force.

# China clamps down on media

Thousands of students strike

BEIJING, April 24, (Agencies): Official censors seized the latest issue of China's most daring newspaper as tens of thousands of students at Beijing's universities went on strike today calling for democracy, human rights and a free press in the largest student boycott in communist China's history.

At Beijing University, the country's most prestigious, students for the first time produced an independent newspaper.

Student leaders said they believed students in other cities were ready to join the action and added that they planned to strike until the government agreed to open talks.

## Elections in June

## Solidarity campaigns

WARSAW, April 24, (UPI): The Solidarity trade union launched its campaign for June's parliamentary elections by endorsing a slate of candidates and adopting a platform in which "society would control government."

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, declining to run for a seat in the parliament or senate, nevertheless ordered "the cream" of his labour union to compete for seats in the unprecedented elections.

Soon after Walesa delivered his instructions at a meeting held to nominate candidates, Solidarity and allied independent groups endorsed a slate of candidates and adopted a campaign platform.

The platform calls for democratic changes in Poland achieved through legal means and for market-oriented economic changes. The committee also explained why, after boycotting elections for many years, the opposition agreed to add its moral authority to polls that are still not fully democratic.

"For more than 40 years the system of ruling Poland was undemocratic and uncontrolled," the committee said.



Troops drag away a demonstrator from Moscow's Pushkin Square on Sunday after they broke up a rally commemorating the 20 people who died during April 9 march in Tbilisi, Soviet Georgia. (Reuters wirephoto)

## All-night vigils in Tbilisi, street protests in Moscow

TBILISI, Soviet Union, April 24, (Reuters): Mourners maintained a vigil in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi for 20 national-democratic demonstrators killed by troops as protests over the clash broke out on the streets of Moscow.

The first group of foreign correspondents allowed to visit Tbilisi since soldiers used clubs and poison gas to break up the demonstration two weeks ago found the area where it occurred covered by mounds of flowers and wreaths.

Some 800 people, many of them relatives of the dead, stood with candles amid wreaths and photographs on the steps of the government building where the military broke up a peaceful all-night vigil by 8,000 people.

The ruling politburo sent prosecutors from Moscow to take charge of investigations into the way the demonstration was put down as official accounts differed from those of medical experts as to the amount of force used.

In Moscow yesterday several thousand people marking the deaths in Georgia milled around the central Pushkin square chanting "shame!" and "fascists."

Interior Ministry troops charged the crowd and 47 people were officially reported detained.

In Tbilisi this correspondent found the scene of the events of April 9 illuminated by thousands of candles placed on every available wall or parapet and a heavy incense-like smell wafted over the crowd.

## Senate turned down plan on Noriega coup

NEW YORK, April 24, (Reuters): The Senate intelligence committee last year refused to accept plans for a US-backed coup in Panama, fearing it might mean the assassination of General Manuel Antonio Noriega, according to the New York Times.

A covert plan under which dissident military officers in Panama would have removed strongman Noriega from power had

been approved by former President Ronald Reagan, the newspaper said in today's editions.

But the plan was rejected, according to unnamed government officials quoted by the paper, because senators, including Democrat Bill Bradley of New Jersey and Republican William Cohen of Maine, protested that Americans, even American intelligence officers,

should not participate in assassinations.

One official told the Times the intelligence committee rejected the Reagan-approved plan last July.

After the Senate committee rejected the coup proposal, subsequent efforts to remove Noriega, indicted on drug trafficking charges, were trimmed to "inconsequential steps," the paper said.

## 13 killed in fighting near Durban

JOHANNESBURG, April 24, (AP): Thirteen men have been killed in renewed factional fighting and firebomb attacks in black townships near Durban, police reported yesterday.

Police spokesmen said three men were killed on Friday in KwaMashu, 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the Indian Ocean port. Police said they found the bodies of nine men with head and stab wounds yesterday in Inanda, an adjoining township.

The report said the body of 26-year-old man, apparently stabbed to death, was found in Taylor's Halt. A black community near Pietermaritzburg, 60 km side Durban.

Two men and a woman were found in Inanda with serious stab wounds and were admitted to hospital, according to a daily police unrest report issued in Pretoria, the capital. It said three shops and a bus were set afire and two men were arrested after police traded gunfire with a group of blacks.

Monitoring groups say more than 4,000 blacks have been killed in clashes with police and between rival groups since unrest against the apartheid system of race-segregation broke out in 1984. Violence has subsided under emergency regulations imposed by the white-led government nearly three years ago but fighting has persisted among Zulu.

More than 1,000 have died in battles between members of Inkatha, a group backing KwaZulu black homeland leader Mangosuthu Buthezi, and members of the banned United Democratic Front.

## Strike for higher pay

MANILA, April 24, (AP): Court employees in the Philippines capital and several other key cities went on strike today for higher pay, but officials said their action did not disrupt proceedings in most courts.

"It's business as usual at the Supreme Court. Everything seems to be normal," Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Peru's anti-drug fight threatened

# An unholy alliance

LIMA, April 24, (Reuters): An unholy alliance between puritan Maoist guerrillas and cocaine traffickers has added a complex and dangerous twist to Peru's fight against the drug trade.

The country's main drug area, the Alto Huallaga valley some 550 miles (900 km) northeast of Lima, has become a major battleground in the government's fight against Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path), the leftist guerrilla group whose nine-year campaign has cost 14,000 lives in the country.

The Sendero publicly condemns drug use. However, it has long been suspected of protecting the peasant growers of coca, the tropical bush from which cocaine is extracted, by intervening in price negotiations with the smugglers.

Earlier this month a guerrilla band joined forces with traffickers in attacking a police post in the heart of the Alto Huallaga valley.

The raid, in which 10 policemen and three civilians died, gave the first clear evidence of a link between the insurgents and traffickers, police and foreign drug officials said.

The growing violence, along with logistical problems, had already forced the United States to call a temporary halt to operations by armed Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents who had been active in the area for the past two years.

The US embassy says operations will be renewed once a new, high-security base in the zone is completed later this year.

Foreign drug officials say the fight against the traffickers cannot be separated from the Army's struggle to contain the guerrilla threat in the zone.

Washington spends about \$17 million a year on supporting the drug fight in Peru, the world's largest coca producer.

But it halted direct aid to the armed forces 11 years ago and even new military training programmes were suspended last October because of Peru's failure to meet payments on its \$19 billion foreign debt.

Sendero has become an increasing force in the Alto Huallaga over the past two years. Its ruthlessness and philosophy, have led the Peruvian press to



Members of a Peruvian anti-drug police unit patrols the waters of the Alto Huallaga river. (Reuters wirephoto)

draw comparisons with the Kampuchean regime of Pol Pot in the 1970s.

The valley, 150 miles (250 km) long by 40 miles (65 km) wide, is responsible for about half the cocaine reaching the US market, foreign drug officials say.

Almost all the production is smuggled out to Colombia in the form of coca base, just one chemical step away from the fully-refined cocaine product.

Several hundred laboratories are hidden away beneath the dense jungle foliage while the zone is dotted with clandestine airstrips.

"Some (laboratories) are like small towns with substantial buildings, power plants, sleeping quarters, medical facilities and even the trappings of civilisation like microwave ovens," one official said.

"It is incredible how they manage to get the materials up to the bases, which are often only accessible on foot."

Despite the attack on the

police post, the exact relationship between the traffickers and the Sendero is unclear.

Officials calculate Sendero could be earning up to a million dollars a year in tributes levied on the drug smuggling. But the guerrillas continue to rely on captured police arms and there is no sign that sophisticated weaponry is being purchased from abroad.

The US stepped up its backing for the anti-drug fight in early 1987, when DEA agents were authorised to take part in search and destroy missions against the traffickers.

A DEA official in Lima declined to give precise numbers for agents in the field, saying there were "more than 22 but less than 50, including helicopter pilots and mechanics."

Problems with maintaining the fleet of nine Bell and Huey helicopters were another factor in the decision to order a temporary halt to operations. Only two were in service when the call to stand down came.

# Husbands anonymous beaten to the game

WASHINGTON, April 24, (AP): The little-known husbands of some of Washington's most powerful women are rallying behind the banner of their spiritual hero, Denis Thatcher, the retiring spouse of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and patron saint of the obscure.

Members of a tongue-in-cheek support group called the Denis Thatcher Society are "men whose wives are deservedly more prominent and influential than

they are," says founder Charles Horner.

"The society is designed to help these men maintain the obscurity they have worked so hard to earn," he says.

Horner knew his wife had beaten him at the Washington power game a few years ago when he received a letter addressed to "Mr and Mrs Constance Horner."

Although Horner has a respectable job as associate director of the US Information Agency, his

wife oversees 2.2 million federal employees as director of the office of personnel management and has been nominated to become undersecretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

"The criterion for membership is that your spouse had to be appointed to a job you wish you had," says lawyer R. James Woolsey, who was Navy undersecretary under former President Jimmy Carter.

Woolsey says he was known

only as "Sue Woolsey's husband" in White House receiving lines, when his wife was associate director of the office of management and budget for human resources.

"As undersecretary, I was trying to obtain some very limited money for the Navy," Woolsey recalled. "My wife, on the other hand, had control of 51 per cent of the federal budget and was moving billions of dollars around. My envy knew no bounds."

Woolsey summed up the virtues of a bona fide society member when he toasted then-Representative Dick Cheney at a banquet honouring his wife, Lynne Cheney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

He praised Cheney as a spouse who "dresses nicely, entertains well and works productively outside the home."

The society has no membership list, no initiation rites, and no secret password.

## Salcido first slit throats of his tiny daughters

SANTA ROSA, Calif., April 24, (UPI): Ramon Salcido, jailed on charge of killing six family members and a co-worker, may have slit the throats of his three tiny daughters and left them at a dump before turning on his other victims, it was reported yesterday.

The sequence of events in the April 14 bloodbath has never been officially confirmed by the sheriff's office, but it was earlier believed the slayings began at the Grand Cru winery with Salcido killing a co-worker he thought was having an affair with his wife.

If accurate, the new account means the three Salcido girls, one of whom survived and turns three Monday at Petaluma Valley Hospital, lay at the dump nearly 30 hours before their bodies were discovered.

In a special edition yesterday the Press Democrat reported Salcido, 28, signed a confession giving a sequence of events that substantiates evidence now pieced together by investigators in the case.

Although a court-ordered gag order is in effect, the newspaper said it obtained the step-by-step movements of Salcido through sources close to the investigation.

Salcido allegedly was drinking heavily and using cocaine during the night before the killings because he suspected his wife, Angela, of having an affair and did not find her at home after work, the report said.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Hepburn's Inspiration

NEW YORK, April 24, (AP): Actress Audrey Hepburn told New York schoolchildren that her own difficult childhood helped inspire her to become a UNICEF goodwill ambassador.

"I lived through the Second World War in Europe," she said at a convocation Thursday at St. Catherine of Siena School. "Right after the war, I was a rather hungry child and my health was very much impaired. Immediately after our liberation, UNICEF came in with food and medication."

The actress told the youngsters, ages six to 14, about her travels last week in civil war-ravaged Sudan.

"As always happens in wars, it's the people, especially children, who are the victims," she said. "I've seen so many children who are ill, who are going blind because they don't have enough food, who don't have any toys, some of them don't have their parents anymore."

### Feeling cheated

NEW YORK, April 24, (AP): Actress Bette Davis says she was cheated when she failed to win an Academy Award for "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" and blames Joan Crawford, her co-star in the 1962 chiller.

Crawford, who was not nominated, "campaigning and asked all the New York members of the academy to please not vote for me," Davis said in a television interview. "She really did, and how foolish could she be. We'd have made a million more dollars on the film

### Barbara to Barbara

OWENSBORO, Kentucky, April 24, (AP): Six-year-old Barbara Bush cannot yet read, but she recognised the signature of the first lady of the United States when a letter arrived from the White House.

"She was just tickled to death (very excited)," said the child's grandmother, Doretta Bush.

The youngster wrote First Lady Barbara Bush in March after studying in school about who lives in the White House. She received a reply last week from President George Bush's wife.

Barbara can write her name, but she is unable to read, said Terri Hanley, home-school co-ordinator at Foust Elementary School, where Barbara attends kindergarten.

To compose her letter, Barbara dictated its contents to her teacher, Judy Dixon. The child then copied the letter and mailed it and a photograph to Mrs Bush.

### Welcome back

LONDON, April 24, (AP): Amid emotional scenes, the audience at London's Covent Garden Royal Opera House welcomed back Spanish tenor Jose Carreras after his recovery from leukemia.

The audience rose and cheered as Carreras,

### Clown's convention

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, April 24, (AP): When Paul Glaros arrived for a convention this week, he made sure he had the right equipment: magic wands, fake flies and red noses.

More than 1,000 amateur and professional pranksters from North America and Europe were scheduled to attend the World Clown Association's national convention, which began Wednesday and runs through Sunday.

### Woods getting married

NEW YORK, April 24, (AP): Actor James Woods is getting married next month after a long romance with a woman he met at a gasoline service station.

"He said he liked my truck," Sarah Owen, 26, said of their chance meeting at the station on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles several years ago.

Woods, 42, a rising star of movies and television, pulled up in his black Porsche while Miss Owen said she drove her "old pickup truck with a bale of hay in the back."

"He said he was thinking of getting a truck and he liked mine... a really bad line," said Owen, a co-owner of an import business.

# Crack pushes Miami Beach to a crime high

DETROIT, April 24, (UPI): Miami Beach, Florida, led the largest American cities in per capita overall serious crime for the first time, according to a newspaper's copyright computer analysis of FBI statistics released yesterday.

The Detroit Free Press said Miami Beach recorded 17,617 crimes per 100,000 residents last

year — a 25 per cent jump from 1987, when it ranked 12th overall.

Atlanta was second in overall serious crimes with 17,611.6 crimes per 100,000 people. Portland, Oregon, was third with a rate of 17,565.6, followed by last year's leader Fort Worth, Texas, with 17,240.4 and Dallas with

16,876.4.

Dramatic increases in burglary (31.4 per cent) and larceny (24.1 per cent) were responsible for Miami Beach's No. 1 ranking this year. The city had the fourth-highest per capita rate of burglaries reported (4,324.8) and the second-highest per capita rate of larcenies (9,863.6).

"It's all related to Crack cocaine," said Miami Beach police Sgt. James Mazer.

Mazer estimated that 70 per cent of the city's larcenies and burglaries are committed by cocaine addicts financing their habits by preying on city residents. He said a concerned city council recently approved adding 50 officers to the 300-member police department.

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## Kuwait Finance House denies deposits with Rayan company

THE chairman of Kuwait Finance House Ahmad Buzza Al Yaseen has denied that the house is involved in any financial speculation or deposits with the Egyptian Rayan Company (a financial company closed by Egyptian authorities last year).

Kuwait Finance House is an Islamic bank and cannot be compared with Rayan company or any other financial company. Islamic banks are stable foundations subject to charters and control of the authorities in the state, Yaseen said.

These banks have Islamic Fatwa committees to make sure that their charters are formulated according to Islamic rules. Their investments are clearly defined in financial reports that are signed by chartered accountants and revised by the authorities in the state, Yaseen said.

He also added that Kuwait government is the biggest contributor to the Kuwait Finance House. Islamic banks are more secure and safe than international commercial banks that face trouble and crisis because of loans given to the Third World.

An expert at the World Bank commented on the Islamic banks by saying that they have a better mechanism to absorb shocks and financial crisis than traditional banks.

The house succeeded in making joint projects with stable Islamic banks and companies, he said.

Yaseen pointed out that assets of the house amounted to KD1200 million at the end of 1988 (\$418 million). The house has 15 branches in different areas of Kuwait and is working to open three more branches in the next year. He added that branches of the house are different from other banks because they have separate section for women.

The house offers banking as well as commercial service such as selling cars, furniture and construction materials. There are about 1,250 employees presently compared to 12 employees ten years ago. The house's investments were only KD2.5 million ten years ago when it was established.

He pointed out that the Kuwait Finance House contributed to founding more than 10 Islamic banks in Arab, Islamic and foreign countries. We also opened the Kuwaiti-Turkish Finance House in Istanbul, Turkey recently, Yaseen said. The Kuwait Finance House owns 50 per cent of its shares, 9 per cent is owned by the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, 30 per cent is owned by Turkish endowments funds, 9 per cent owned by Kuwait Social Securities Establishment and 2 per cent owned by others. He added that 35 per cent of saving accounts in Kuwait are opened at the house.

# Lebanese injured to be treated in Kuwaiti hospitals

## Cabinet discusses Arab and international issues

KUWAIT, April 24, (KUNA): The Council of Ministers yesterday discussed latest political Arab and international developments and various efforts to ease the tense situation in Lebanon.

He added that the cabinet, meeting under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, listened to an explanation by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed on the Arab League

Committee's contacts in this respect, in his capacity as head of that committee.

### Message

The Crown Prince, responding to HH the Amir's wish to extend all possible help to alleviate sufferings of the brotherly Lebanese people, assigned Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak to co-ordinate with his Lebanese counterpart on the treatment in Kuwaiti hospitals of seriously injured Lebanese

patients. Rashed noted that the cabinet started its session by getting acquainted on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's message to the Amir which dealt with Arab developments and efforts to bolster Arab solidarity.

The cabinet also took note of the messages exchanged between the Amir and Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan on meetings of the Organisation of Islamic Conference's permanent Scientific and Technological Co-operation Committee scheduled

to take place in Islamabad next May in a bid to promote scientific co-operation among the Islamic peoples.

The state minister said that at the instruction of HH the Amir relief materials will be dispatched to Djibouti to help victims of recent floods there.

He noted that Electricity and Water Minister Homoud Al Rqobah delivered a report on the power failure in a number of areas on April 13 and added that the minister explained reasons for the incident and precautions

taken to prevent its future recurrence.

Rashed quoted Rqobah as saying that his ministry has decided to seek foreign expertise to help evaluate status of the electricity networks in co-operation with the minister's various bodies to provide best means of ensuring uninterrupted electric current.

The cabinet further discussed the poisoning incidents of the cadet officers and the National Guards after consuming contaminated food prepared by food

companies at the Ramadan Iftar (breakfast) meals.

Rashed said that the cabinet asked the concerned parties to take strict legal procedures against those who caused the incidents and called for stringent measures to prevent recurrence of the phenomenon and to prosecute those responsible.

The cabinet concluded meeting by discussing a number of domestic issues on housing, municipality affairs and others, Rashed concluded.

## Emphasis on water and electricity project

# Kuwait-Iraq to discuss planning

IRAQI Planning Minister Dr Samal Faraj yesterday was quoted as saying that during his visit to Kuwait next month, he will discuss with his Kuwaiti counterpart co-operation and co-ordination in the fields of planning between the two countries.

In an interview with a local daily, the Iraqi minister said that his country's current five-year-plan which ends in 1990 was set up during the war between Iraq and Iran and requirements primarily related to these needs was paramount.

He went on to clarify that, nevertheless, Iraqi development projects had continued and though priority was given to projects serving Iraqi war steadfastness, infrastructure was not neglected.

The development plan had achieved its objectives in spite of the war by developing of some national industries, construction

of dams, power stations, in addition to irrigation systems and transport.

Speaking of the forthcoming five-year-plan which runs 1991-1996, the official said that the plan will centre on expanding the industrial base in Iraq particularly export oriented industries in order to enhance the country's reserves and revenues of hard currencies.

"The five-year-plan for 1991-1996 concentrates on implementing a Kuwaiti-Iraqi agreement in the field of water and electricity," Faraj said.

He confirmed his country's desire to attract Arab investors and stressed that these investors will be offered various facilities and incentives. He also expressed hope that Kuwaiti investments in Iraq would soon be enhanced which he described as presently being modest.

"According to the new law, Arab investors will be exempted

from tax, customs charges and other fees," Faraj said.

Elucidating, Faraj said that Arab investors can freely transfer all their net profits outside Iraq and can obtain lands which fall within state domains to be utilised for agricultural purposes in addition to the purchase or lease of lands owned by the private sector.

The private sector in Iraq plays a vital role in the development of Iraq's economy and the national development process, the minister said. He recalled President Saddam Hussein's comment in this connection, "If there is no private sector, we have to create it."

Meanwhile, the Iraqi official said the atmosphere of unease due to the recent war between Iraq and Iran had created a change in the manpower structure of Iraq which was a result of the Iraqi conscription law during the war and which centred on increasing military defences.



Friendly talks

Jahra Governor, Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Nasser received in his office yesterday the Canadian Ambassador to Kuwait, Lawrence Dickenson. Talks focused on the friendly relations between Kuwait and Canada.

## Allied Sciences College provides hospitals with health technicians

DR HUSSEIN AL Shoubaki, head of the information committee at Kuwait University Allied Medical Sciences and Nursing College, said that the Allied Medical Sciences College was separated from the College of Medicine in 1982. The latter is the country's medical sciences centre along with the College of Allied Sciences, Shoubaki said.

Interviewed by a local daily, he pointed out that the college has taken responsibility of developing the health field in the country by providing hospitals with well qualified technicians. He added that the College of Allied Medical Sciences includes five main specialties: medical laboratories technology section, radiology section comprising diagnostic radiology and atomic medicine, nursing section, physiotherapy section and the health information administration section.

### Evaluation

Kuwait University is among a small number of colleges which grants bachelor degrees in these specialties. The College of Allied Medical Sciences and Nursing was evaluated by an American scientific consultant and was certified to be compatible with other identical American colleges.

College graduates of the medical laboratories technology section were evaluated by a comprehensive examination given to students of same specialty in America and recorded an overall 75 per cent success, compared to American students who recorded a 71 per cent success rate on the same examination, Shoubaki said.

### Annual exams

THE director of Hawally Education Area Abdullah Al Rujaib has said that the area has begun final preparations for the transitional secondary school exams for the current academic year.

Speaking to a local newspaper, he said that the relevant personnel at the area had started inspection visits to schools in the area to follow up closely on the various requirements for the exams.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

## A roof for all Bahrainis

BAHRAIN'S housing development schemes are ahead compared to other developing countries world-wide and the country has adequate land available to build different categories of housing for its nationals and meet their accommodation needs in keeping with normal population growth, according to a top official.

Dr Abdul Latif Kanoo, undersecretary of Ministry of Housing, told the Arab Times in an interview, that the government of Bahrain has made remarkable achievements over the last twenty years in rendering housing services to its nationals in view of the size, population and revenue of the country. Bahrain ranks among the first in the Gulf to form a Ministry of Housing. The government provides a subsidised housing programme, unique in the region, which is designed to provide various accommodation services to its nationals depending on their need, size of the family, death of main earner and other tragic circumstances, explained Dr Kanoo.

### Commitment

"The government is committed to provide all its nationals who are in need of adequate housing facilities in the shortest possible time," Dr Kanoo said.

He said the Ministry of Housing works on three major schemes: a) Provision of a complete house to nationals on subsidy under certain considerations. Under this scheme the state charges as 'rent' of 25 per cent of the salary of the main earner in the family. Rents of such accommodation range between BD30-108 payable monthly over a maximum period of twenty years, after which the tenants take full ownership of the house; b) Allocation of loan to nationals, who own land, to build their own house and c) Granting of land to nationals, who have funds but no land, to build their homes.

All types of accommodation provided under these schemes belong to a single 'standard' design, said Dr Kanoo. He added that the size of accommodation depends on the size of the family.

Meanwhile, those nationals who are on waiting lists for state houses are allocated government flats on a temporary basis during this interim period, said Dr Kanoo.

According to Dr Kanoo, Bahrain's housing policy is unique in the region whereby all income generated by the Ministry of Housing reverts back to the ministry instead of going to the national treasury like other countries. The fund is put in the Housing Bank and reinvested and raised for further housing projects.

### Official deed

The undersecretary stated that Bahrain is the only country in the world where land purchased by a national has an official title deed signed by the Amir, that gives every detail of the property including dimensions.

"This is possible only because of the policy and generosity of HH Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa," said Dr Kanoo.

As part of the government's policy to increase subsidised accommodation facilities for its citizens, particularly for those in the lower and middle-income groups, a new 'model-town' will be constructed in the near future to accommodate thousands of nationals. The project, which is under planning stages, will provide all basic and modern amenities to the residents. 'Modinat Isa' the first such town in Bahrain was built in the late sixties and proved a resounding success. 'Modinat Hamad', which started a few years back, is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. It will have housing for about 75,000 nationals.

### International law

Asked about foreigners owning both residential and commercial land in Bahrain, Dr Kanoo said that the country follows international law.

"A foreign lady married to a Bahraini is eligible to own property here, but a Bahraini lady married to a foreigner is not," he said.

However, he added, nationals of other GCC states are entitled to buy land in the island. Nationals of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in particular enjoy the special privilege of buying and selling property of any size and unit in the country.

The United Nations Centre for Human Settlement (Habitat) has been closely associated with Bahrain's housing development schemes for the last nine years.

In an official visit to Bahrain, a few months back, Dr Arcof Ramachandran, Executive Director of Habitat, expressed total satisfaction about the island's various housing projects and particularly praised the role of the country's minister of housing and the national land use plan in making considerable progress in striving to reach the UN's goal for nationals of all developing nations to get adequate housing by the year 2001.

## Kuwaiti pilots trained to world standards

KUWAITI pilots are highly qualified and trained according to the standards of advanced countries, according to a high-ranking military official at Ahmed Al Jaber Airbase. Training programmes organised at the base have proved compatible with modern techniques of air combat, he said.

The official added that the Defence Ministry and the military itself have made the air force a very respectable and honourable representative for the country. The Defence Ministry has provided it with all its training requirements, he added.

Major Yusuf Al Shaie, a pilot, said that a training course is prepared annually for new students at the base. The course is given by 4 or 5 instructors who teach students air combat and using air-to-ground arms. He said the course is 8 to 10 months long and that students train in both air-air and air-ground types

of combat. Each of the students should complete a minimum of 132 flight hours in addition to 48 hours of ground training before joining the air force.

### Training

Pilot instructor Major Yusuf AlDabous stressed that training students is a duty of great trust. He added that as a pilot instructor he deals with students carefully.

Meanwhile, Captain Mohamed Ahmed explained that training at the technical training school is divided into two stages. The first stage trains intermediate level graduates and the second trains general secondary level graduates. Successful students will go on to fundamental technical training, which is divided into several specialties, he said.

First Lt Khaled Mallallah said that pilots should be in mid-air within a minute and half after an emergency is declared.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Environment efforts

KUWAIT, April 24, (KUNA): Planning Minister and Secretary General of the Regional Organisation for the Protection of Marine Environment (ROPME) Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi yesterday praised the efforts exerted by countries of the region to preserve and protect the environment.

He said, in a speech on the occasion of the regional environment day, today, that the Arabian Gulf countries are aware of the dangers that threaten the environment which is our main source of life.

Awadi clarified that the Gulf littoral states co-operated and established such an organisation to maintain the marine environment and protect it against pollution.

He pointed to the agreement among the member states to clean the Gulf waters from hazardous effects of the destructive Gulf war.

ROPME groups Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE.

### Asian Muslims

LARGE numbers of Muslims in Asia are suffering from poverty, ignorance, and disease, and it is the aim of the Asian Muslims Committee of the International Islamic Charity Authority to reduce that suffering, according to committee chairman Saad Al Enzi.

Enzi said Asian Muslims are also exploited by enemies of Islam who are out to change their religion. There are about 75 million Muslims in Asia, which represent about 75 per cent of the world total, he said, adding that the largest number of the world's poor live in Asia and of these Muslims are the poorest.

Some Islamic countries in Asia have suffered from natural disasters, such as Bangladesh which was destroyed by floods, he said. More than 350 million Muslims live as minorities in non-Islamic countries, Enzi added, especially in the Soviet Union, India and China. These Muslims need support in order to maintain their faith and their Islamic culture, and the committee carries out educational, economic and social projects in Asia for this purpose, Enzi said.

### Pearls project

THE Municipal Affairs Committee endorsed at its meeting yesterday the proposed Kuwait Pearl Project, which consists of constructing marine coastal cities along the Kuwait coast. A local company submitted plans and proposals to Kuwait Municipality for the project several months ago. This project was endorsed at the beginning of this year by the Council of Ministers in its third session. The committee also designated six areas as the sites for the construction of the project.

The areas are Kuwait, Shuwaikh, Doha, Khairan, Mangaf and Subbiya area.

The committee asked the company to co-operate with Kuwait Municipality in conducting the necessary technical studies for the project and then submit the master plans for the proposed project. The committee will then study the details of the project and will determine exactly the sites in each area where the project can be constructed.

### Petroleum session

THE GCC permanent ministerial committee for petroleum co-operation will hold its 14th session in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday.

A source at the GCC secretariat has said that the committee will discuss the situation in the international oil markets and demand for crude oil. The committee will also discuss proposals of the member states to stabilise the oil prices at the international markets, and to unify standards of the GCC states at OPEC.

The committee will also discuss reports of the specialised technical committees and reports of the secretariat of the GCC about co-ordination among the member states in fields of energy and joint petrochemical and oil projects, the source said.

### UAE hotels

UAE hotels received a total of 721,943 guests during the last quarter of 1988. The vacancy rate of rooms was recorded at 48 per cent.

A statistical study conducted by the Central Planning and Statistics Department at the Planning Ministry indicated that 29,242 citizens spent a total of 49,943 touristic nights at hotel rooms in addition to 35,435 GCC citizens who spent 79,602 touristic nights.

A total of 37,144 persons were guests from non-GCC Arab countries. Asian and African countries represented 74,551 guests. Hotel guests of five star hotels amounted to 161,616 persons. On the other hand, there were a total of 20,133 guests at second class hotels and 3023 guests at third class hotels.

# Private tutoring is here to stay: report

## Education officials still against it

THE phenomenon of private tutoring seems to be beyond control, one local daily has decided. Although the Ministry of Education has threatened to terminate teachers involved in such practices, this has been in vain, and although the ministry has shut down private institutes and substituted tutorial classes organised by Kuwait's Teachers' Society against token fees, private tutoring has not disappeared, the daily reported.

This problem threatens the country's educational structure, the paper said, but added that some people consider tutoring as a legitimate educational practice while others see it as constituting an obvious sign of weakness in the country's educational standard. Some others, meanwhile, believe tutoring is a double-edged sword which can either upgrade the educational level of students or be exploited for making

money by teachers.

The paper interviewed a number of senior officials at the Ministry of Education in order to probe their reaction to this issue.

Undersecretary Abdurahman Al Khodari said that tutoring in Kuwait is a social phenomenon which cannot be ignored, but that does not occur in the volume that some people are trying to show. He added that this phenomenon had caused several educational problems in addition to the financial costs borne by the parents.

He confirmed that the ministry has been keen during the last few years to familiarise itself with all aspects of the problem and how to combat it.

### Competition

He added that some students were resorting to the tutorials in order to improve their marks, while others were striving to

upgrade themselves in some curriculums which failed to accommodate them through their teachers.

Khodari added that apart from this, the competitive spirit among the students was behind their resorting to tutorials in order to gain the necessary marks that may qualify them for admission to Kuwait University.

But, he added, since the ministry was striving to develop their own potentials, then the tutorials were contradicting the ministry's educational objectives and killing the spirit of self-dependence in students. Hence, the ministry issued decisions, circulars and bulletins aiming at combating tutorials, the undersecretary said.

The best thing is for students to depend on themselves, he said, noting that some schools had exerted efforts in this direction

by organising tutorial classes for poor students. He added that by giving more concern to the educational process and by developing teaching methods, the students need for tutorials will disappear.

Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs Dr Yaqoub Al Sharrar was also against private tutoring, saying that the dependence of students on such tutorials would eventually result in them dealing recklessly with the educational efforts exerted by the ministry.

### Exploitation

He added that the spread of this phenomenon in the absence of necessary educational controls had eventually led to some social problems represented by some careless teachers exploiting their students for the sake of making money. This gives no fruitful results but wastes the funds of parents, he said.

## Underground water not to be squandered

THE Controller of Soil and Water Department at Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Khaled Al Mazbahi was quoted as saying that the Kuwaiti underground water is being squandered.

In an interview with a local daily, the official described underground water as the sole natural source of water in Kuwait to be used for agriculture through the ordinary and deep tube wells. There are about 625 wells at Wafra agricultural area with 30-60 metres depth.

### Survey

He referred to the land survey scheme and said that there is a strong relation between soil survey and the agriculture development plan. The survey aims at creating an agriculture integrated community aims at creating an agriculture integrated community which eventually realises the importance of self-sufficiency in

agricultural output.

He added that a comprehensive survey requires the necessary freedom of movement in the relevant sites. Unfortunately, the authority always faces the problem of free access to restricted areas affiliated either to the Ministry of Defence or to the oil companies.

### Analysis

An explorative land survey was conducted previously in the country and covered an area of 260,000 hectares in addition to a detailed survey for 17,000 hectares. After 1980 another detailed land survey had been conducted and covered an area of 3,300 hectares at south area of the country to determine its suitability for agriculture and with a view to distributing it to farmers.

Meanwhile, the official said that the soil analysis operations for determining pertinent land reclamation is encouraging and

serves the country's institutions as well as citizens.

He confirmed that the authority will not hesitate to conduct necessary analysis of soil at the request of any farmer or institution by making a field visit to the pertinent land. These tests conducted by the authority had served the country's agricultural reclamation by adding new agricultural areas to the current ones. The department plays an important role towards exploring suitable agricultural areas and designing irrigation networks for all afforestation and greenery projects in the country in addition to resorts, gardens landscaping.

The country's need for drainage treated water was confirmed by the official. There are three main stations for this purpose presently in the country in addition to another one in Failaka island. The Ardiya station is the largest which treats about 63 million imperial gallons per day, Mazbahi said.

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Drought hits Bangladesh

A searing drought sweeping Bangladesh leaves a river bed dry and cracked on the outskirts of Dhaka. Children and cattle walk by stationary boats. (Reuter wirephoto).

North trial in third day of jury deliberations

WASHINGTON, April 24, (AP): Jurors were returning to deliberations in the Oliver North trial after a one-day break spent under the watchful eyes of US marshals to ensure that they did not talk about the case outside the jury room.

Today's session marks the third day of deliberations in North's trial on charges of lying to Congress, misappropriating funds and conspiring to commit tax fraud in the Iran-Contra scandal.

The jurors spent about three hours in the jury room Saturday before taking off the rest of the weekend. They are being housed in a downtown hotel and are accompanied by marshals to make sure there are no outside influences about the trial.

The jurors are forbidden to talk about the case, even among themselves, when they are not in deliberations.

Mandela wins Khaddafi prize

GENEVA, April 24, (UPI): Nelson Mandela, the black South African leader, has been named first winner of the \$250,000 "Khaddafi International Human Rights Prize," Swiss socialist deputy Jean Ziegler said yesterday.

Ziegler said a prize foundation fund in the name of Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi is registered in Geneva with a capital of \$10 million.

"The prize is conceived as an anti-Nobel peace prize award for the Third World," Ziegler said in a statement.

Ship collision in Suez Gulf

SUEZ, April 24, (AP): A Panamanian research vessel was heavily damaged after it was hit by "Vishva Caumudi," an Indian cargo ship near Ras Shukair in the Suez Gulf, navigation authorities here said yesterday.

They said the "Stern Arclet" may not be able to navigate again after the collision which occurred on Saturday.

The 7,679-tonne Indian ship tried to escape the scene but was stopped by Suez Canal authorities and its captain, Hari S. Bhandari, was detained briefly.

Miller moves the mountain at last

WASHINGTON, April 24, (UPI): It took seven years, dozens of letters, a low-key media blitz, and the direct intervention of the secretary of state and the deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, but Martin Miller has proof that bureaucrats can be moved to correct a mistake.

Govt to consider request

Sri Lankan Muslims seek Pak protection

COLOMBO, April 24, (AP): A Muslim opposition lawmaker said yesterday that his proposal for deploying Pakistani soldiers as peacekeepers on Sri Lanka, torn by six years of ethnic violence, was supported by local Muslims.

Haleem Ishak of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party said he had received several telephone calls and telegrams, encouraging him to pursue his proposal, made in Parliament earlier this month.

"I have been besieged with telephone calls, telegrams and letters asking me to follow up the request for Pakistani troops to be deployed in the east where Tamil terrorists have begun killing Muslim civilians," said Ishak, a lawmaker representing Colombo.

Ishak said Pakistani troops were needed to oversee a July 5 referendum in the east that will decide whether citizens want to belong to the new Northeast Province. It is being created by merging the Northern Province, where most people are members of the Tamil ethnic minority, with the multi-ethnic Eastern Province.

The merger is part of an Indian-brokered July 1987 peace accord aimed at ending the six-year-old Tamil civil war in which 10,000 people have been killed.

"The presence of Pakistani troops will instill a sense of security in the minds of Muslims in the east," Ishak said.

Pakistan is an Islamic country. India currently has an estimated 50,000 soldiers stationed in the Northern and Eastern Provinces to enforce the July accord and disarm the Tamil

guerrillas.

The peace agreement gave Tamils limited autonomy and facilitated a local Tamil government in the northeast where most Tamils live. But several rebel groups rejected the accord and are continuing their war aimed at creating an independent Tamil state.

The Tamils contend that Sri Lanka's majority ethnic group, the Sinhalese, discriminate against them.

Ishak said a decision on deploying Pakistani peacekeeping soldiers should be made soon because "more than 10 Muslim civilians were killed earlier this month in an Eastern Province village and thousands had to flee and seek refuge in mosques and Muslim schools."

"Villagers (in the east) have claimed Indian troops are indifferent to the plight of Muslims, some even suggesting that Muslims should go to Pakistan," Ishak said.

A Pakistan embassy spokesman declined comment on Ishak's request.

Ranjan Wijeratne, Sri Lanka's foreign affairs and deputy defence minister, had said the government would consider the request.

Of the one million people living in the Eastern Province, 42 per cent are Tamils, 31 per cent are Muslims and 24 per cent are Sinhalese. Three per cent are Burghers.

Tamils, most of whom are Hindus, are in a majority in the Northern Province but make up 18 per cent of the island's 16 million people.

Powers for Chakmas

Polls for tribals announced

DHAKA, April 24, (AP): The government yesterday announced it would hold elections in the Chittagong Hilltracts where tribal militants have been fighting a 14-year-old bush war.

Chief Election Commissioner A.T.M. Masood announced on national radio and television that elections to the three district councils in the Chittagong Hilltracts would be held June 25.

He said only tribals were eligible to contest the post of the district council chairman. The council would be dominated by tribals, he said.

Wahid Ashraf, a lawmaker, said the elections were intended to give powers to the Buddhist Chakma tribals who claim they are fighting to preserve their culture and political and economic interests.

he accomplished the bureaucratic equivalent of moving a mountain.

As a result of Miller's relentless one-man campaign, the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency have changed their official maps to show that the Kingdom of Jordan does not have any sovereign claim over the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

A small thing? Not for Miller, who cares passionately about rectitude.

"For the first time, an official

US government map of Israel will not mislead the President, the secretary of state, other policy-making officials and the general public," he says.

The new maps published by the CIA in 1988, for the first time in history, show that the West Bank is not an inherent part of Jordan. In fact, the West Bank was never part of the Jordanian kingdom, although it was administered by Jordan until 1967. In 1974 at the Rabat conference of Arab states, King Hussein gave up that administrative claim.

Foes reaffirm Gulf truce

Another round of talks end without progress

GENEVA, April 24, (Agencies): Iran and Iraq yesterday ended four days of inconclusive ministerial talks on ways to turn their eight-month ceasefire into a peace settlement.

They held a total of five hours of so-called "proximity talks" chaired by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who admitted that no progress had been achieved.

After the latest round of negotiations ended at the United Nations' European headquarters in Geneva, Perez de Cuellar said both sides reaffirmed a commitment to uphold a UN-brokered ceasefire which ended eight years of war in the Gulf.

Perez de Cuellar said he would try to con-

vene another round of ministerial negotiations in June.

"But we have made no real progress... although the progress continues," he added. He said the main stumbling blocks had been identified, "and it is now up to us to iron out the difficulties."

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz accused Iran of not abiding by the spirit and letter of UN Security Council Resolution 598, which forms the basis of a peace plan before the two delegations.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said Iraq was to blame for the stalemate because it had not accepted a four-

point peace plan tabled by Perez de Cuellar last October.

The plan consists of immediate troop withdrawal, the exchange of all prisoners, an agreement not to search Iraqi ships in the Gulf and removal of war debris from the Shatt Al Arab, Iraq's main outlet to the sea.

Velayati said Perez de Cuellar had reiterated the four-point plan in the latest round and had even indicated that the troop pullout could be completed in 15 days.

Velayati said Iran is willing to have good neighbourly relations with Iraq and it will pursue negotiations until comprehensive peace was reached in the area.

Price riots

Jordan calm, but anger remains

MA'AN, Jordan, April 24, (AP): The shells of burnt cars and shattered window frames are being removed from the streets of Jordan's riot-swept southern towns.

But the anger that led to violent protest of government-imposed austerity measures remains.

Jordan has escaped most of the Middle East's turmoil in recent years, and last week's eruption of anger came as a shock.

"The rioters want things to get better in Jordan," said a 25-year-old Kerak man, who said he was among the stone-throwers who attacked government buildings and banks.

Residents interviewed during a two-day tour of the south said they want a rollback on the price rises that triggered the riots, a new government and an investigation of corruption.

The residents — living in an area known to be loyal to King Hussein — blame Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai for the economic crisis and call for his ouster.

At least eight people died in the four days of rioting. The downtown area of Ma'an is a blight of twisted electricity pylons, severed tree limbs and burnt rubber tyres.

Soldiers astride armoured personnel carriers enforced the calm yesterday. But there have been no recent confrontations and a 24-hour curfew has been eased to allow people to buy food.

However, vehicles passing on the main north-south desert highway were all flagged down and a reporter who turned off the road was escorted back.

Soldiers riding jeeps mounted with machine guns prowled the streets of the larger towns in the region.

Not even the smallest communities escaped the violence.

The eight-room schoolhouse in the hamlet of Athween was sacked. In Bayasara, a torched Toyota Land Cruiser and dirt roadblocks marked the village entrance.

The roads around Shobak were littered by boulders rolled there by protesters, torched power lines and uprooted roadsigns.

Shobak residents explained that they were particularly angered when local press reports passed off the first riots April 18 in Ma'an with a one-sentence reference to a demonstration by taxi drivers against the 25 per cent hike in the price of gasoline.

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Afghan rebels step up attacks

12 killed as rockets hit Kabul

KABUL, April 24, (AP): Rebels battled government forces in four provinces yesterday and fired rockets into the capital, the government said. Nearly 280 people were reported killed in the fighting including 12 in Kabul.

Meanwhile, in Islamabad, Pakistani officials denied a US newspaper report that Pakistan in March had ordered Afghan rebels to attack the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad.

But diplomatic sources in Kabul said there were deep divisions within Pakistan's military and government on whether the rebels — backed by Pakistan, the United States and Saudi Arabia — should continue attacking Jalalabad, which government troops have successfully defended.

The sources said up to 8,000 rebels have died in the 7-week-old assault, compared with just 2,000 government troops. It said the rebels were badly outnumbered.

An Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman, insisting on anonymity, said at least 265 people were killed and 123 were injured yesterday in the latest fighting between rebels and government troops in Jalalabad and three other areas — Herat in western Afghanistan and Khost and Kandahar in the south.

Additionally, at least 12 people were killed and 21 wounded yesterday when three rockets were fired into northern Kabul, official Radio Kabul reported.

The Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman said the latest casualties in Jalalabad came when the insurgents — accompanied by whom he said were Arab and Pakistani militiamen — launched attacks on government posts.

Rebels and Pakistan consistently have denied that foreign soldiers are fighting alongside them.

Pakistan, the United States, China and several Muslim countries back the rebels but deny direct involvement in the war.

Four civilians were killed and 10 people, including two government soldiers, were wounded, the spokesman said. Government troops returned fire, killing 79 rebels and injuring 31, he said.

In Khost, two civilians were wounded when rebels attacked the southern garrison town. Government forces returned fire, killing 161 rebels and injuring 10, the spokesman said.

In Kandahar, four soldiers were injured in fighting and 14 rebels were killed and 40 others were wounded, the government spokesman said.

Insurgents also fired rockets into Herat, killing four civilians and wounding six others, he said. Three rebels were killed, he added.

In Islamabad, a Pakistan Foreign Ministry official denied a report in the New York Times yesterday that Pakistan ordered Afghan rebels to attack Jalalabad. The Soviet Union and Afghanistan repeatedly have accused Pakistan of aiding the insurgents in contravention of the Geneva accords under which Soviet troops ended their nine-year intervention Feb 15.

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Sectarian clashes

Al Mahdi trying to ease tension

KHARTOUM, April 24, (Agencies): The government of Sudan yesterday met to discuss the tense situation resulting from this weekend sectarian clashes that damaged a church and a mosque and left four persons injured.

Information Minister Hussein Suleiman Abu Salih said the cabinet, in an attempt to prevent the situation from deteriorating, called for self-restraint and began contacts with various political parties.

Police sent reinforcements to prevent further clashes between Muslims and Christians in Al Thawra, a slum area in Omdurman. Khartoum's twin city across the Nile, where the mosque and church are situated.

A mass demonstration, planned for Sunday by pro-government parties in support of peace talks with the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army was put off in response to call by Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi.

Abu Salih said Al Mahdi also called on parties supporting his government not to respond to the week-long demonstrations by the opposition fundamentalist National Islamic Front in protest of the suspension of the Sharia or Islamic law.

Al-Sudani newspaper said the violence started on Friday when a mosque's preacher told Muslims attending Friday prayers that they had become weak and cited the presence of the nearby church as an example. It said the preacher led the arson attack.

Al-Sudani newspaper and the Sudan Times said that those injured and hospitalized included Sister Maria Victoria of a church-relief center belonging to Nobel prize winner Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Group, and the unidentified preacher of the mosque as well as at least two others.

The following day, Christians from the church set fire to the mosque in retaliation, according to witnesses who declined to be identified.

"I was hit on the head several times with a club by a man about 45," sister Maria Victoria was quoted by the English language Sudan Times as saying.

She said the imam (preacher) of the mosque was leading the attackers and that "I was crawling toward the room's entrance while stones were still raining all over the place."

She said she was injured when "I was caught by the attackers and was dragged and pulled to the ground."

The attackers were shouting "stone the kafara (infidel), stone the kafara. And as I screamed for help, the attackers began to turn away," she said.

The Missionaries of Charity, the organization belonging to Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel peace prize, came to Sudan in 1985 and established a center in Omdurman and another in Kordofan in western Sudan. The Omdurman centre houses some 140 poor and sick people and runs a feeding programme for malnourished children in Al Thawra.

In 1986, the church nuns filed a complaint to police, saying they were being intimidated by the members of the mosque. No action was further taken.

Brigadier Ahmed Al Murtada Al Bakri, head of Omdurman police, told reporters the motives for the weekend arson attacks were personal and religious, but said investigations showed no link between the incidents and any political parties.

Abu Salih yesterday also accused Kenya of allowing passage of Israeli weapons to the rebels in south Sudan across its territory.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson, US writer (1803 — 1882).

## OPINION

### New era of mercy

AFTER the economic statements made by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to Al Anbaa, an extraordinary flourish was clearly visible in the Stock Exchange at all levels.

This clearly demonstrates that the Kuwaiti economy needs more than trust and confidence from higher authorities.

Since the last three years, when the difficult loans settlement scheme was introduced, we have been hearing of problems and threats. The settlement scheme was almost literally applied — particularly the version of harsh penalties, rather than the coin of mercy. This was done in spite of the fact that what had occurred was a catastrophe in which the government contributed under the pressure from the previous national assembly and under pressure from those who had personal interests and believed that it could not harm them.

All we have been hearing for three years and even prior to 1982 from the government and concerned bodies is nothing, but more bankruptcies, more people being referred to prosecution and more threats.

Some government officials have become very enthusiastic in repeating and reminding the public of the government's firmness to apply the law literally to the extent that one may think that it was their election manifesto.

One must always remember that this government firmness is directed against people who suffered from a catastrophe which was not of their making. When you remind officials of this fact, the reply is always ready. "To hell with stupid people who fail to utilise opportunities."

The statements made by the Crown Prince and Premier have come to signal that the Kuwaiti economy has entered a new era — the era of mercy after firmness. The local economy never wanted anything more than confidence. This means an increase in the value of assets, which will subsequently lead to reducing the aid and support amount that the government will have to pay one day.

The size of this aid will drop further whenever confidence is strengthened. This could mean that all that is needed now is moral support, which includes taking off the "stick of punishment" hanging over the heads of these unfortunate investors who committed no mistakes — except working hard for the benefit of their country's economy by concentrating all their investments here in Kuwait.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Softly, softly

Saudi Arabia — Iran ties improving

By Lee Stokes

MANAMA, (UPI): Saudi Arabia hopes a more moderate approach to its Muslim challenger Tehran will eventually bear fruit and help the cause of pragmatists still left in the Iranian leadership, in the wake of the Salman Rushdie affair, Arab and Western diplomats said last week.

The conservative Saudis, traditionally wary of Iranian Shiite Muslim leader Ayatollah Khomeini's fiery brand of Islamic fundamentalism, have for the first time allowed cash-strapped Tehran to purchase large quantities of Saudi wheat through international traders, Gulf-based Arab diplomats said.

The Arab diplomats said Saudi Arabia approved the sale earlier this week of some 100,000 tonnes of wheat to Iran, with promises of "further sales" in efforts to improve the climate between the two Islamic states.

Approval for the sale came after indirect contacts with Iran's moderate parliament speaker and acting military commander Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Arab diplomats said.

The move followed Riyadh's successful mediation between Iran and other Muslim states at an Islamic foreign ministers' meeting in Riyadh in March.

Mediation from Saudi Arabia, which warmly welcomed Iranian participation at the Riyadh meeting, apparently enabled factions in Iran to tone down Khomeini's call for the execution of Salman Rushdie, and to agree instead of a communiqué which simply referred to the British author as an apostate for blaspheming Islam in his book the Satanic Verses.

Saudi diplomats at the time hailed the fact that the communiqué did not mention Khomeini's call for Rushdie's death as a victory.

Although Khomeini has continued to urge supporters since the Riyadh meeting to export the Iranian revolution and strengthen the Iranian armed forces, the kingdom and its Gulf Arab allies have adopted what they describe as a pragmatic policy in hopes this will aid moderate factions currently involved in a power struggle to succeed Khomeini.

"The king is aware of the immense economic problems facing Iran, the current turmoil among its leadership, and the doubts about Khomeini's successor after Ayatollah Hussein-Ali Montazeri's removal" last month, one Riyadh-based Western diplomat said.

Iranian sources said Khomeini ordered Montazeri's removal and that the moderate Qom religious leader is currently under house arrest after clashes between his supporters and elite revolutionary guards loyal to Khomeini. Qom, situated some 100 miles (160 km) south of Tehran, is the spiritual base of the Iranian revolution.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1707 — British forces are defeated at Almanza, Spain.
- 1809 — Britain concludes treaty of friendship with Sikhs at Amritsar in India.
- 1859 — Austria suppresses revolt in Cracow, Poland.
- 1898 — United States declares war on Spain.
- 1905 — Transvaal is granted constitution which Louis Botha regards as inadequate.
- 1920 — Supreme allied command assigns mandates of Mesopotamia and Palestine to Britain, and of Syria and Lebanon to France; Poland launches offensive against Soviets in the Ukraine.
- 1945 — Delegates of 45 nations meet in San Francisco, California, to organise United Nations.
- 1957 — US Sixth Fleet sails for eastern Mediterranean as King Hussein proclaims martial law in Jordan and seals frontiers.
- 1971 — Soviet space ship lands safely after docking with an orbiting space laboratory.
- 1978 — South Africa says it has accepted a Western plan aimed at preparing South-West Africa for independence under black majority rule.
- 1986 — Rioting breaks out across Soweto, South Africa's largest black township, following police block of youths protesting arrest of 15 students.
- 1987 — Sri Lanka military carries out two-pronged offensive against Tamil rebels.
- 1988 — Afghanistan President Najib offers to withdraw Afghan Army from posts near Pakistan's border.

# The lady's not for turning

Ten years of 'Thatcherism'

By Peter Gregson

LONDON, (Reuters): It will be a normal Thursday for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, with a cabinet meeting at number 10 Downing Street in the morning and twice-weekly questions in parliament that afternoon.

But May 4, 1989 is far from routine, marking the 10th anniversary of Thatcher's election as Britain's first woman prime minister.

It has been a decade in which the 63-year-old grocer's daughter has gone from being a novelty to an institution, the Western world's most experienced leader and one of its most formidable figures.

In that time she has written a new concept into the political dictionary — 'Thatcherism' the embodiment of a personal credo founded on competition, thrift, self-reliance and toughness.

Her unremitting drive to change for even the shape of British society earned her a 1981 opinion poll rating as Britain's most disliked prime minister of all time.

Six years later, her third successive general election victory set a new record in British politics.

Once tagged by the bureaucracy she loathes as 'TWB' 'that bloody woman', she is now entrenched in office, openly declaring she wants 'to go on and on', with little prospect of challenge either from within her ruling conservative party or without.

It has been a decade spent fighting battles — against trade unions, the European community, Argentina and some of her own colleagues, the sceptical 'wets' who questioned her vision and doubted her policies would work.

When Thatcher came to power in 1979, Britain had been ruled for 11 of the previous 15 years by the Labour party. The country was labelled the 'sick man of Europe' and industrial unrest known scornfully around the world as the 'British disease'.

But Thatcher's election proved to be more than the usual pendulum swing of power.

Fond of likening herself to an ordinary housewife tackling the day-to-day problems of running a home, Thatcher set out on a national spring-cleaning designed to scrub socialism out of the fabric of society.

In the midst of world recession, she turned Britain back towards a free-market economy, taking on the seemingly intractable issue of rampant inflation at the same time as she moved to curb sweeping trade union power.

Popular

Her policies were far from popular and the headline measures hurt as Thatcher adopted a then little-known economic theory called monetarism to throttle money supply. Industrial production and gross domestic product slumped and company bankruptcies soared during a bitter recession of 1981-82.

BEIRUT, (Reuters): The following is a chronology of Syria's military involvement in Lebanon since the outbreak of the civil war in April 1975:

1976 May-June — Six thousand Syrian troops enter Lebanon at invitation of President Suleiman Frangieh to save Christian militias from defeat by an alliance of Muslim and leftist militias and the PLO.

Oct-Nov — Syria, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, at a summit in Riyadh, set up a 30,000-strong Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) to restore peace. The mainly Syrian ADF deploys across Lebanon except for the south because of Israeli opposition.

1978 July-Oct — Growing tension between the ADF and Christian militias leads to direct clashes. Hundreds of people die in Syrian shelling of Christian East Beirut.

1979 April — Other Arab contingents withdraw from ADF, leaving only Syrian troops in the force.

1982 June — Israeli invasion

of Lebanon. Syrian forces retreat from Shouf and Aley Hills around Beirut and the southern part of the Bekaa Valley. Israel shoots down at least 80 Syrian planes.

August — After US mediation, Israel allows departure of about 4,000 Syrian troops besieged with the PLO in Beirut.

1983 May 17 — Christian-dominated Lebanese government initial peace accords with Israel for withdrawal of Israeli troops.

September — Israel says agreement depends on Syrian withdrawal from east and north Lebanon. Syria musters Muslim militias against the accord and against US-led multinational force in Beirut.

Oct-Nov — Truck bombs destroy US and French military headquarters in Beirut, killing 300 servicemen. Two US planes

shot down in raids on Syrian positions in hills near Beirut.

Sept-Dec — Syrian-backed PLO groups drive loyalists of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat out of north and east Lebanon.

1984 February — Syrian-backed militias force Christian-Lebanese Army from West Beirut. Multinational force withdraws. President Amin Gemayel scraps May 17 accord with Israel.

1985 May-June — After signs of PLO resurgence in Lebanon, Syrian-backed Shiite Muslim Amal militia attacks Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut.

July — Following Israeli pull-back from most of south Lebanon, Syria withdraws 10,000 men from Bekaa. About 25,000 troops remain in north and east Lebanon.

Sept-Oct — Syrian-backed militias assault Muslim zealots

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Education, health, the law, the civil service, social benefits, local government, all were subject to sweeping review.

Water and electricity, following in the footsteps of British Airways and the telephone network, are being sold to the public. Coal, it is promised, will follow after the next election.

With no plans to step down, Thatcher is odds-on favourite to lead the Conservatives to victory in that poll, not due until mid-1992.

But with typical thoroughness she is already planning ahead: last month she called a cabinet session to draw up the legislative strategy for a fourth term in office.

Sept 22 — Outgoing President Amin Gemayel appoints Christian Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun to head interim military government. Syria supports mainly-Muslim Cabinet led by Selim Hoss, pushing Lebanon towards partition.

Oct 19 — Syrian troops and their allies reported go on alert in north Lebanon, Druze mountains and Beirut raising fears of violence.

Nov 25 — Syria masses more troops in the Shiite southern suburbs of Beirut to end renewed inter-Shiite fighting.

1989 — March 6 — Aoun imposes a sea blockade on militia ports, in bid to extend power beyond Christian enclaves.

March 14 — Shelling between Syria's allies and Aoun's troops engulfs Beirut. Aoun demands withdrawal of Syria's estimated 40,000 troops from Lebanon.

Syrian gunners start shelling Christian areas as Lebanon entered its worst civil war violence.

## Leadership crisis in China

By David R. Schwelberg

BELIJING, (UPI): China's leaders, confounded by crisis in their economic and political reforms, have become mired in a virtual power vacuum as they grope to regain national direction and reassure a disaffected public, Chinese and foreign analysts say.

Nearly all current ranking members of the Communist Party and government, up to senior leader Deng Xiaoping, have been weakened by policy failures, political struggle or age, or by colourless and unpopular personal styles, analysts believe.

The leadership crisis stems from complex problems in China's market-oriented economic reforms and the social and political upheavals that have accompanied the programme, which has raised living standards for most Chinese since it began in 1978.

Inflation is a record 30 per cent. Corruption and profiteering are endemic. The gap between rich and poor, widened by the capitalist-style reforms, has dampened enthusiasm for change.

Economic-related strikes, protests and other acts of defiance are on the rise. China's restive intellectuals are again speaking out, demanding political freedoms. Crime, prostitution, divorce and other social evils have increased dramatically.

"People don't want to go back to the Mao days," of forced collectivism and shared poverty, a Western diplomat observed. "But they want things to get better, and to be shown the way. No one is strong enough to do that now."

"The leadership of this country is weaker now than at any time since the cultural revolution," asserted a senior Chinese newspaper editor, referring to the tumultuous 1966-1976 period when radical leaders plunged the country into anarchy.

Recent attention has focused on Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, who is identified with the boldest reforms and has been blamed for their consequences. Zhao, 70, has been reported in such political trouble that he might step down.

Zhao clearly has lost policy influence to Premier Li Peng and other more conservative leaders who last fall pushed through a retrenchment programme to rein in the liberalisations and restore central planning in a bid to stabilise the economy.

Yet analysts say none of the leaders has shown a strong voice or vision. In public, most speak in bromides or with thinly veiled criticism of one another, suggesting back-room infighting and giving little reassurance to an anxious nation.

A survey in March of leading officials reported nearly 52 per cent already considered the retrenchment campaign ineffective.

Despite the leaders' differences, a return to the intense factional struggles of the Mao Tse-tung era is unlikely. But they have left impression of a leadership unable to rally its troops — or jockeying for position before the 84-year-old Deng dies.

"Every time there is trouble in society, there is a power struggle, someone used it against someone else," said Fang Lizhi, the country's most prominent dissident.

"The leaders are all weaker because almost all aspects are failing. Even Deng is weaker. Inflation has destroyed his image."

According to Chinese sources and Western diplomats, the power vacuum touches all the senior leaders.

Deng, still the ultimate arbiter of authority, is plagued by health problems and has tried to withdraw from daily affairs. He participates in fewer policy meetings and often makes only brief remarks as they conclude.

Zhao's position as Deng's heir apparent is in jeopardy because he has not won the confidence of the Army's powerful generals. The ceremonial President, Yang Shangkun, a former senior general who is No. 3 on the party military commission behind Deng and Zhao, is in day-to-day control of the Army.

Li, despite a stronger hand on the economy, is a bureaucratic, uninspiring leader still struggling to develop a power base.



Senior leader Deng Xiaoping

The leadership problems have been exacerbated by a loss of prestige for the party, largely due to corruption, and Beijing's ceding of economic power to provincial and local officials under decentralisations in recent years.

Concern over the vacuum has led to a public debate among intellectuals over so-called "neo-authoritarianism," in which establishment intellectuals have argued that more powerful central authority is needed.

Liberal Marxist theorists and dissident intellectuals have assailed the idea as a retreat from an emphasis on collective leadership since the late 1970s, warning China's worst political disasters since 1949 stemmed from abuse of power.

The leadership problem blossomed into the open before the recent session of China's parliament, when an important party central committee meeting, usually held before the parliament meets, was postponed, apparently due to bickering in the upper ranks.

During the session, Li, Zhao and Deng traded public criticism of one another, and Deng boycotted the parliament meeting, apparently to protest Li's keynote report, which was sharply critical of past economic policy.

The usual well-informed Hong Kong press has since ranged from the sensational to the hysterical.

One magazine reported in April a 'dump Zhao' group had been formed. Newspapers have even speculated on Zhao's wardrobe, noting he has recently been seen in Mao jackets rather than his preferred Western business suit.

## North's defence: moral indictment of Ronald Reagan

By Leon Daniel

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Brendan Sullivan's bold defense of Oliver North was a moral indictment of Ronald Reagan that will ensure the fiery lawyer will never be mistaken for a potted plant.

Mincing no words, Sullivan charged the former president directly authorized his White House aide's secret Iran-Contra operations and then used him as a scapegoat.

Reagan hailed North as a hero just hours after he "threw him overboard to get some political peace," Sullivan told the jury.

Addressing the charge that the former Marine lieutenant colonel had conspired to use a tax-exempt organisation to raise funds to buy arms for the Contras, Sullivan said Reagan, as well as North, had met with private contributors.

"What's the difference between what the president did and what Ollie North did?" Sullivan asked.

"The president is happily retired in California," he said. "Ollie North is in Washington where for two and a half years he's been fighting for his reputation."

Testimony

When Sullivan was trying unsuccessfully early in the trial to force Reagan's testimony, the former president made it clear he had no stomach for talking the stand to defend his former White House operative.

Sullivan told the jurors — chosen mainly for their ignorance of media coverage of the Iran-Contra hearings — of some stunning news events on Nov 25, 1986.

One of them was the Reagan administration's disclosure that profits from the arms sales had been funnelled to the Contras. Then it announced North was fired. Then Reagan telephoned North to call him "a true American hero."

"Why did the president call him?" Sullivan asked rhetorically. "How can you be fired at noon and the president calls you in the late afternoon to tell you you're an American hero. What do you suppose that's all about?"

It was not about the Silver Star North was awarded for valor in Vietnam.

The president's praise was more likely about what North did for him in helping to illegally bankroll the Contras.

Sullivan put it this way: "I think the reason is the president was using Ollie North as a political scapegoat and threw him overboard to get some political peace."

"The president relied on him and called him a hero," he said. "Ollie North doesn't want to be a hero. He just wants to go home."

The weight of evidence suggests strongly that North was the primary operator in a plot by Reagan, two of his national security advisers and the Central Intelligence Agency director to fund illegally the overthrow of the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

Moral

If Sullivan's defense was a moral indictment of North's former commander-in-chief, so, in a way, was the prosecution's summation.

Prosecutor John Keiser, who like North fought as a Marine officer in Vietnam, spoke of "another kind of courage."

Disabled in combat, Keiser spoke eloquently of the "courage to admit when you are wrong, courage to admit personal responsibility, courage to admit guilt where appropriate."

Keiser, of course, was attempting to convince the jury that North — not Reagan — lacked such courage.

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Call to abolish unpopular sales tax

## Quit immediately, demonstrators tell Takeshita

TOKYO, April 24, (UPI): Some 80 neighbours of Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita staged a demonstration yesterday at his private residence, demanding he step down immediately and abolish the unpopular sales tax, police said.

There were no reports of violence, they said.

The demonstration by residents near Takeshita's residence in downtown Tokyo followed a new disclosure on Saturday that the Prime Minister received a 50 million yen (\$379,000) loan in 1987 from the publishing and information conglomerate Recruit Co. at the centre of a scandal.

"We are really angry. The Takeshita cabinet must resign at once and the sales tax must be abolished immediately," said Chiji Shibuya, leader of the demonstrators.

**Refused**

Takeshita, who was meeting with one of his aides at his home, refused to receive a note of demands from the demonstrators, police said.

The three per cent sales tax, the first of its kind in Japan, went into force on April 1 amid protests from consumer groups and retail stores.

Takeshita's office admitted that the prime minister received the loan in the name of his former secretary but said the fund was repaid a few months later, the reports said.

The office refused to disclose details, they said.

The disclosure followed Takeshita's report in the parliament's lower house last week that he received \$720,000 from Recruit in donations and tickets for fund-raising parties to support him between 1985 and 1987.

He also said his aides and relatives purchased 12,000 pre-listed stocks from Recruit at discount prices in late 1986 but refused to disclose the amount of profits from their sales when they went public about a month later. The news reports said the profit amounted to \$197,000.

**Budget**

The new development has made it almost impossible for Takeshita's ruling Liberal Democratic Party to push the 60.4 trillion yen (\$457.6 billion) budget for fiscal 1989 through the key lower

house of the Diet or parliament before this weekend, when the 'Golden Week' holiday series begin, the papers said.

Takeshita earlier said he hoped to see the budget passed by the chamber before he leaves on a nine-day swing through five member countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations.

Proceedings in the Diet have come to a halt since early March because of a boycott by opposition parties.

The government was forced to adopt a 9.225 trillion yen (\$69.4 billion) interim budget to cover government finances for the first 50 days of fiscal 1989, which began April 1.

Negotiations between the LDP and opposition parties to break the deadlock in the Diet broke down Friday.

**Testify**

The opposition groups insisted that Takeshita step down and dissolve the Lower House to call an election. They also demanded that former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone testify in the Diet on his role in the scandal as a sworn witness.

Nakasone earlier denied his

involvement in the affair in a nationally televised news conference.

Recruit allegedly sold some 170,000 pre-listed shares to influential political and business figures to seek favours to expand its business.

Three key ministers in Takeshita's cabinet, including deputy prime minister and finance minister for their links to the scandal-ridden company.

A total of 13 senior government officials and business executives, including Hiromasa Ezoe, founder and former chairman of Recruit Co., have been arrested and indicted on charges of bribery.

Meanwhile, a leading mass-circulation Japanese newspaper said today Takeshita, under fire over the Recruit scandal, had asked veteran party leader Masayoshi Ito to succeed him.

But the former foreign minister told reporters in remarks broadcast on television: "It is not true. I am not so stupid as to do it."

**Denied**

He did not elaborate and Jiji and Kyodo news agencies said Takeshita also

denied the Yomiuri Shimbun report. Officials at the prime minister's office declined comment.

Yomiuri quoted: "Senior politicians close to Takeshita," as saying he could resign as early as next month after passage of the 1989/1990 budget bill through parliament.

The newspaper said Takeshita asked Ito, chairman of the LDP's executive board, to succeed him as party president and prime minister but Ito refused on health and other unspecified grounds.

Ito, 75, is the only senior party leader not implicated in the Recruit scandal that has already forced the resignation of three cabinet ministers.

**Reluctant**

He is reported to be suffering from diabetes and is reluctant to take over the post and fight what is expected to be an uphill battle to win a scheduled upper house election in August.

The popularity of the LDP has fallen to rock-bottom as a result of the scandal, a controversial sales tax introduced this month and farm import policies which have angered rural voters.

## Low growth 'dogged Soviet economy'

WASHINGTON, April 24, (Reuters): The Soviet economy was dogged last year by low growth and shortages and by disruptions caused by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reform efforts, a US intelligence report said on Saturday.

The report, prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency and Defence Intelligence Agency and released by the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, estimated that the Soviet economy grew by only about 1.5 per cent in 1988.

"Our preliminary estimates indicate that perestroika (reconstruction) did little to improve Soviet economic performance in 1988," the report said.

**Production**

The report said a poor harvest, supply shortages, widespread failure to meet delivery deadlines and confusion sparked by reform policies contributed to the relatively low 1.5 per cent growth in gross national product last year — a rate similar to the previous years and reminiscent of the pre-Gorbachev "stagnation years."

Industrial production grew by an estimated 2.3 per cent and the rate of growth of industrial materials by a disappointing 2.3 per cent. Electric power output grew by 2.4 per cent, the smallest gain since 1981, and farm production was down two per cent, according to the report.

The Soviet Union's hard currency fell nearly \$3 billion to about \$3.5 billion because export growth could not keep pace with surging imports.

The report said Gorbachev's major policy changes designed to boost consumer goods and services, reduce the budget deficit and postpone reforms requiring consumer sacrifices "have the potential, if sustained, to boost consumer welfare and bring a sense of order to the economy."

## Iraq to build oil storage facilities at Gulf port

BAGHDAD, April 24, (AP): Iraq is to build a huge petroleum products storage complex at its southern Khor Al Zubair port on the Gulf, the state-run English-language daily Baghdad Observer reported today.

It said the project will be implemented by Iraqi Oil Ministry with the aim of boosting the export of oil products by tankers through the Gulf.

The newspaper quoted Ali Noori Ali, director of the oil projects department at the ministry, as saying the ministry already has begun compiling the necessary equipment to implement the project, expected to be completed in 1994.

The scheme will enable Iraq to export more of its oil products from its southern refinery at Basra. Ali said surplus petroleum products from the refinery would be exported through the new port.

He said the project comprises five stages including expanding oil storage capacities at the Basra refinery and the construction of a new pipeline network linking the refinery to the port which is some 80 km (50 miles) to the south.

**Construction**

Ali also said the plan will include the construction of two terminals at the port, one for exporting white derivatives such as benzene, naphtha and gasoline and the other for fuel oil, lubricants and engine oils. He did not say how much the project will cost.

Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi told reporters earlier this month that the second stage of repairing the Basra refinery would be completed soon, enabling it to produce 140,000 barrels per day of different kinds of oil products.

The first unit started operation last month and oil officials said regular export of products have started since then from Khor Al Zubair port.

The port and the Basra facilities had been badly damaged in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war.

## Protesters hold rally

## Some 10,000 workers seek wage increases

SEOUL, April 24, (UPI): Some 10,000 workers held a rally today demanding wage increases in a southern industrial centre and about half of them clashed with anti-riot police in violent street demonstrations, news reports said.

The domestic Yonhap News Agency and the state-owned Korea Broadcasting System (KBS) said the protests erupted in the Changwon industrial complex and the nearby Masan free export zone 185 miles (298 km) southeast of Seoul.

Most of the demonstrators were workers at the military industry plants located at Changwon who alleged that their union activity had been subject to government suppression.

**Rally**

Following an hour-long rally part of the workers took to the street and battled police. They threw firebombs and rocks and police countered with tear-gas bombs, KBS and Yonhap said.

The protesters dispersed after two hours of violent action. A dozen workers were injured in the clash, the reports said. About 10 workers were taken to a police station for questioning, the reports added.

## Ministers to discuss joint OPEC stand

NICOSIA, April 24, (Reuters): Six Gulf Arab oil ministers will discuss plans to stabilise world oil prices and to unify their policies within OPEC at a meeting in Jeddah on Wednesday, the Qatari News Agency said.

The committee will discuss GCC (Gulf Co-operation Council) proposals on efforts to be taken collectively to achieve stability in oil prices in the world market and to unify the stands of GCC members in OPEC," the agency said.

The GCC groups OPEC states Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates with non-OPEC producers Bahrain and Oman. The six states have about 40 per cent of the world's known oil reserves.

The GCC states also are the four OPEC states which have the largest oil production in the world. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) wanted it to raise its oil output ceiling for the second half of 1989. Both Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have said their current OPEC output quotas are unfair.

**Demand**

The QNA said the six GCC oil ministers would also review world demand for crude oil and co-ordinate the setting up of joint oil and petrochemical projects in the region.

Meanwhile, the manager of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) predicted in a report released today that oil prices will remain unstable for several years but will not collapse as they did in 1986.

"As I look to the future, I see several more years of weak and volatile prices," Suhail Faris Al Mazroui said in a report marking the 17th anniversary of ADNOC's foundation.

But Mazroui, who is also secretary-general of Abu Dhabi's Supreme Oil Council, said he did not expect that prices would tumble below \$10 a barrel as they did in 1986 due to OPEC overproduction.

"I am encouraged by the fact that world oil consumption is still growing at a steady rate. We haven't seen in a decade," he said, but gave no figures.

**Prices**

"At present prices, other forms of energy are having difficulty competing," Mazroui said.

"So, although in the short term I believe the price situation will remain uncomfortable, I see it in positive terms as a means of guaranteeing our long-term survival."

## Dollar edges down

TOKYO, April 24, (Agencies): The US dollar edged down against the Japanese yen today and stock prices fell back in the lightest trading so far this year amid concerns about a possible interest rate hike and an intensifying political scandal.

The dollar closed at 131.38 yen, down from its close of 131.45 yen last Friday. It opened at 131.37 yen and ranged between 131.20 and 131.45 yen.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Nikkei stock average of 225 selected issues dropped 223.89 points, or 0.68 per cent, closing at 33,805.92 points. Volume was exceptionally light at about 450 million shares. The market fell 155.34 points last Friday.

Concern about the Recruit stock-profitting and bribery scandal shaking Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's government, speculation about a possible discount rate hike by the Bank of Japan, and hesitancy before a weeklong holiday next week all dampened both the foreign exchange and stock markets, dealers said.

"It was a broad decline. Bad sentiment about Recruit, the interest rate worry and Golden Week (the holiday) all contributed to the 'absolutely pathetic volume,'" said Christopher Taylor, head of equity sales at Baring Securities (Japan) Ltd.

**Worried**

"Institutional investors are really worried the Nikkei Dow might plunge even if the discount rate is raised just 0.5 per cent," though rumours were rife that it would be raised as much as one per cent, said a salesman at a foreign securities house who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said that because of the upcoming holidays "institutional investors are trying to wait to see what everyone else is doing."

Speculation about a possible discount rate hike by the Bank of Japan later this week also helped dampen currency trading, traders said.

"Some people expect the Bank of Japan will move to hike the discount rate after the consumer price index is announced this week," said Ichiro Ikeda, head of the international corporate desk in the foreign exchange section of Chemical Bank, who said he remained sceptical of the rumour.

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## Wine scandal deepens with new arrests

AGEN, France, April 24, (Reuters): France's new Bordeaux wine scandal deepened this week after police arrested directors of a big distributor of well-known vintages on suspicion of fraud.

Christophe Piat and Jacques Reyn, of Vinyma, were taken into custody at the weekend and charged in this south-western town by examining magistrate Jean de Maillard, who is probing a cheap-wine-in-expensive-bottles racket.

Top vintages handled by Vinyma include Margaux, Pomerol, Saint-Emilion and Sauternes.

Before the arrests, authorities sealed Vinyma warehouses containing millions of bottles of wine. A big British truck that had come to load up went away empty.

Investigations began three months ago when police discovered an illegal shipment of wine during a routine road check. About 50 people have been interrogated in the past two weeks.

So far 17 people have been charged with false labelling, false advertising and fraudulent representation of the quality of goods sold. Eleven are in detention.

Under France's strict regulations for vintage wines, the amount that can be produced in any year is limited to maintain standards.

Modern vineyards may often produce double the amount allowed and are obliged by law to turn their surplus into industrial alcohol, vinegar or grape juice at a huge loss compared with profits to be made on the sale of vintage wine.

The swindle, which one investigator called "marvellous in its simplicity," involved diverting controlled shipments of surplus wine to warehouses where it was bottled and corked.

## EEC freezes trade talks with Romania

LUXEMBOURG, April 24, (Reuters): The European Economic Community said today it was freezing negotiations with Romania on a trade and economic co-operation pact in protest against the country's failure to observe human rights.

At a meeting here, the EEC's 12 foreign ministers said they would keep the issue of human rights in Romania under review and consider further action against Bucharest should the situation there, and the EEC's relations with Romania, deteriorate further.

"The community and its member states repeated their deep concern at the Romanian government's continued failure to meet its commitments under the Helsinki (human rights) process, in particular in the field of human rights," the ministers said in a statement.

"It was accordingly agreed

## Oil output short of plan

## Imports rise

MOSCOW, April 24, (Reuters): Soviet oil production in the first three months of this year fell short of target by 721,000 tonnes, according to a report published in Pravda yesterday.

The first quarter figures from the state statistics committee Goskomstat also showed that the Soviet balance of trade was worsening as Western imports increased.

Some details were released on Friday by the committee's first deputy chairman, Nikolai Belov. They showed wages growing twice as fast as productivity, further unsatisfied demand for consumer goods and a slowdown in industrial production.

The report in Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper, which published the full figures, revealed that oil production stood at 152 million tonnes — 721,000 tonnes below target. It blamed the shortfall on the poor performance of two oil companies.

The figures showed the Soviet trade gap widened to 600 million roubles (\$960 million) from 40 million roubles (\$64 million) in the same period last year.

Imports outstripped exports by 16.0 billion roubles (\$25.6 billion) to 15.4 billion roubles (\$24.6 billion). The report said the decline was caused by a 2.6 per cent decrease in exports to East European countries and a 1.5 per cent increase in purchases from the West.

Lower world prices for oil and other raw materials — the bulk of Moscow's hard currency exports — added to the problem.

In the same period in 1988 imports were 15.81 billion roubles (\$25.29 billion) and exports were 15.77 billion roubles (\$25.23 billion).

Figures showed the Soviet Union recorded a trade surplus for the whole of last year of two billion roubles (\$3.2 billion), with imports at 65 billion roubles (\$104 billion), and exports at 67 billion roubles (\$107.2 billion).

## Gasoline prices to keep rising

NEW YORK, April 24, (OPECNA): Energy prices, particularly those for gasoline, are likely to keep rising through the summer, according to analysts.

So far, credit market participants have viewed the sharp increase in oil prices from around \$18 a barrel in January to more than \$25 in trading last week, mostly as a temporary phenomenon. Thus, for the past several months, oil has not been an important factor in day-to-day price movements of fixed-income securities.

However, if forecasts by a number of analysts are borne out, the focus could shift markedly in the coming months.

"I think oil prices will move a good deal higher because supplies of light crude are shrinking rapidly due to problems in the North Sea," said Philip Verleger, an energy analyst and a visiting fellow at the Institute of International Economics in Washington, adding "refining capacity is light and demand is strong."

"By summer, retail gasoline prices will be 20 to 25 per cent higher than they were a year ago. Only about half of that increase is in the system now," he said.

## Economic slowdown has only 'limited success'

BEIJING, April 24, (AP): The government said yesterday that China's seven-month-old austerity programme is helping to slow the overheated economy but has not throttled inflation, overspending and excess investment.

Zhang Zhongli of the State Statistical Bureau said industrial output for the first quarter of 1989 of 292.2 billion yuan (\$79 billion) was 10.4 per cent higher than for the same period in 1988. By comparison, the industrial output at the end of December was about 20 per cent more than in the previous year.

"We have achieved initial results" in cooling off the economy, Zhang said. But he added that inflation is still too high, "contractions" in the economy are worsening and restoring economic order "is still very difficult."

The over-rapid expansion of the Chinese economy, fuelled by a nation-wide drive to begin big projects and increase production, has badly overextended the nation's weak infrastructure.

It has produced severe shortages of raw materials and energy, and driven industries without access to government supplies to turn to the more expensive free market, adding to inflationary pressures. Competition for scarce resources has also led to widespread profiteering and other kinds of corruption. The government has set a growth target of around eight per cent.

**Restrictions**

The government last September announced that for two to three years there would be severe restrictions on new credit, cutbacks in government spending and cancellations of construction projects. It said economic reforms, including price reforms, would be put off until inflation and excessive growth are overcome.

Zhang said retail prices were unchanged from February to March, but were up 27.9 per cent compared to the same period last year. The inflation rate has been over 30 per cent in most Chinese cities during the past year.

Retail sales were up 22.6 per cent to 208.7 billion yuan (\$36.4 billion), he said at a news conference.

The highs were inflation, government spending and the soaring growth of consumer demand. He said government offices have ignored demands for spending cutbacks, and that spending increased 16.3 per cent in the first quarter while revenues were up only 4.9 per cent.

Zhang said the surplus purchasing power of households has hit 500 billion yuan (\$135 billion) and that worker bonuses and allowances were up 39 and 59 per cent despite the austerity drive.

## Strategy talks planned

VIENNA, April 24, (KUNA): Director-General of OPEC's Fund for International Development Dr Sayed Abdullah yesterday expressed relief over the recent improvement in oil prices, saying it will reflect positively on the world economy.

Abdullah, speaking exclusively to KUNA, pointed to the decision by the 13 OPEC member states, members in the fund, to raise the fund's capital in the light of the recent oil price hike in world oil markets.

Yet, he said some member states have not yet paid their financial dues to the fund, expecting that such an issue will be raised in the upcoming OPEC finance ministers' meeting in Vienna.

The African expert in international development indicated that the meeting will discuss the fund's activities, financial status and loaning policy.

**Schemes**

The fund is mainly concerned with backing development schemes in developing countries, particularly in the African continent and gives priority to development projects in the fields of agriculture, food production, health and education.

Some of the difficulties it has been facing was the none or delay of payment of interests and instalments by the indebted countries, he said.

Abdullah clarified that the fund's loaning policy does not cover the member states due to the fund's limited capabilities.

He said the fund is not a charitable foundation, yet the difficult circumstances and living conditions in some nations requires giving urgent assistance and aid, saying the fund has been helping the Palestinians in the occupied lands.

Concluding, Abdullah said the fund, till March 31st of this year, had provided 476 loans and 243 non-refundable grants to 91 developing nations at the value of \$3.5 billion.

## US firms lose business

WASHINGTON, April 24, (Reuters): US firms lose millions of dollars to foreign firms because of differences in aid policies between the United States and other major exporting countries, the US Export-Import Bank said on Friday.

The bank, which helps finance US exports, told Congress that many nations tie their government aid to Third World countries to purchases from donor-country firms.

US policy does not permit tied aid, although the bank is permitted to make loans in conjunction with aid grants to meet foreign competition.

"Our analysis indicates that the United States may be experiencing perhaps \$400 million to \$800 million a year in lost sales because of tied aid credits," the bank said in a report requested by Congress.

The bank said that US foreign aid focuses on education and farming, and not capital-goods projects such as power generating, transportation and telecommunications.

**Talks**

The bank noted that the United States had held talks with tied-aid givers to try to reduce the practice. "The negotiating process has achieved noticeable restraint and a much more disciplined environment, and further negotiations should be able to improve on both fronts," it said.

The National Association of Manufacturers' Trade Group said in a statement that the study showed the United States had to be more aggressive in financing exports if US industry was to compete in developing country markets.

## Businesses hit by strike

DHAKA, April 24, (Reuters): Bangladesh's exports were halted today when industrial action by labour unions snowballed into a partial general strike.

The 24-hour stoppage that began at 6 am (0000 GMT) halted all operations in the country's two main ports in Chittagong and Chalna and brought several towns to a halt, officials and strikers said.

Armed police patrolled the capital and other major centres but no incidents were reported, one official said.

**Stoppage**

The stoppage was called by the United Labour and Workers Federation (SKOP), an umbrella group for the country's 19 labour unions, in support of their long-standing demand for higher wages and more allowances.

A SKOP leader said the stoppage widened because many political parties, lawyers associations and student bodies expressed solidarity with the campaign.

Major industries around Dhaka, Khulna and Chittagong shut down.

All shops in Dhaka were shuttered in the morning but by noon most had opened for business. Except for the city's 80,000 three-wheeled pedicabs, most traffic was off the streets.

Attendance at government offices was well down.

No trains moved in northern Bangladesh. Airport officials said most domestic flights were delayed and some cancelled, but international flights operated as usual.

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	220/0
ABBEY LIFE	283/0	
ADT LTD	164/4	
ALD LYONS	441/0	
AMSTRAD	123/0	
ARGYLL GP	190/0	
ASDA GP	161/0	
BAA	370/0	
BTR	364/0	
BAT INDS	537/0	
BARCLAYS	434/0	
BASS	918/0	
BEAZER	188/0	
BEECHAM	626/0	
BERSFORD	155/0	
BICC PLC	485/0	
BLUE ARROW	90/0	
BLUE CIRC	515/0	
BOC GP	485/0	
BOOTS CO	279/0	
BPF INDS	238/0	
BR COMB	200/0	
BR AIRWAY	188/0	
BR AEROSP	563/0	
BR GAS RG	179/0	
BR LAND	359/0	
B.P.	283/0	
B.P.FP	283/0	
BR STEEL	82/25	
BR TELCOM	543/0	
BURMAN OL	543/0	
BURTON	203/0	
CABLEWIR	492/0	
CABURYS	340/0	
CALOR GRP	387/0	
CLINTON COM	865/0	
CLINTON R T	301/0	
COOKSON	315/0	
COURTAULD	353/0	
DALGETT	148/0	
DIXONS	519/0	
ENG CHINA	339/0	
ENTER OIL	165/0	
FI BACX	105/0	
FERRANTI	311/0	
FISONS	189/0	
GATEWAY	938/0	
GEN ELECT	231/0	
GEN ELEC	368/0	
GLAXO	359/0	
GRANADA	168/0	
GLOBE	310/0	
GLYNED	205/0	
GUARD RYL	365/0	
GUKL	454/0	
GUINNESS	788/0	
HANSON	183/4	
HARRISON C	182/0	
HAWKER SID	683/0	
HILLSDOWN	259/0	

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	872/0	874/0
600 GROUP	120/0	120/0
A.AMER TS	430/0	431/0
A.B.ELECT	400/0	397/0
A.S.V.HLD	269/0	269/0
AAB KEIT	99/0	100/0
AAH HLD	386/0	385/0
AARONSON	109/0	110/0
ADDISON	45/5	45/5
ADJEST	172/0	171/0
ALEXON	377/0	378/0
ALLD COLL	137/0	138/0
ALLD IR B	313/0	315/0
ALLD LON	143/0	144/0
ALLD PART	72/4	73/0
ALLIANCE	981/0	982/0
AMBER DAY	53/4	53/4
AMEC	429/0	431/0
ANER TST	135/4	136/4
ANERIAN	493/0	494/0
ANI HLTHC	354/0	354/0
ANGIA TV	388/0	388/0
ANGIA TV	270/0	271/0
ANISCHER	77/0	78/0
APPLYARD	181/0	181/0
APV PLC	147/0	147/0
ASHLEY LA	114/0	114/0
AUS REE A	249/0	247/0
AUST REED	392/0	390/0
AUTO SECS	287/0	288/0
AVESCO	143/0	143/0
AVIS EUR	399/0	400/0
AVON RUBB	603/0	603/0
B.MERHILL	243/0	243/0
BAILL JAP	520/0	516/0
BAILL SHI	92/4	91/0
BAIRD (W)	242/0	243/0
BAIRD IRE	302/0	303/0
BAIRD IRE	86/4	88/0
BARROW GP	172/0	171/0
BART DEV	194/0	195/0
BAYNES C	33/0	34/0
BBA GROUP	147/0	185/0
BEAR BROS	10/6	10/6
BEATTIE J	160/0	160/0
BELHAVEN	48/0	49/0
BELLWAY	225/0	226/0
BENLOX	234/0	233/0
BERKELEY	232/0	232/0
BH GROUP	132/0	132/0
BLACK Z	11/6	11/4
BLK GRP	441/0	440/0
BNETT + F	91/0	91/0
BOASE HAS	322/0	
BODDINGTH	165/0	165/0
BOOTH SHP	483/0	483/0
BOOTH SHP	260/0	260/0
BOOTH SHP	463/0	463/0
BORTHWICK	40/0	41/0
BR ARROW	116/0	118/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1709.1	1700.5	1698.5	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1172.9	1172.9	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1063.29	1063.29	1064.62	926.59
FT GOV SEC	85.98	85.98	86.18	87.30
FT GOLD NR	185.7	185.7	185.8	161.9
FT MINES F	646.29	646.29	648.03	565.31
FT OIL	2000.2	2000.2	1995.7	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	145.01	145.03	145.07	141.17
FT WLD STG	125.36	125.23	125.74	115.30
FT WLD LOC	132.18	132.08	132.72	123.40

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS OPEN FIRM, RHM REMAINS WEAKER  
LONDON, APRIL 24, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE FIRMER AT THE OPENING, BUOYED BY WALL STREET'S STRENGTH AT FRIDAY'S CLOSE.  
RANKS MOVIE MCGOWALL (RHM) WAS 22P WEAKER AT 367 AFTER NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA OVERNIGHT THAT IT IS BIDDING 3.1 BILLION AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS FOR FOOD GROUP GOODMAN FIELDER WATTE (GFV).  
GFV HAS ALREADY INSTRUCTED ITS SHAREHOLDERS NOT TO SELL THEIR SHARES. RHM SAID THAT BY 1600 AUSTRALIAN TIME IT HELD A TOTAL 10.1 PCT OF GFV'S EQUITY. INITIALLY RHM SAID ITS OFFER WAS SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S GAINING 14.99 PCT OF GFV BY 1600 AUSTRALIAN TIME BUT LATER WAIVED THIS CONDITION.  
AT 0914 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 5.9 POINTS UP AT 2,066.9.  
ANALYSTS SAY THE MOVE MAY BE INTENDED TO FORCE GFV TO COME TO SOME AGREEMENT OVER ITS 29.9 PCT HOLDING IN RHM, ANNOUNCED DURING AN OFFER FOR THE U.K. COMPANY LAST YEAR. THEY ADDED THAT THE COSTS OF FINANCING THE RHM HOLDING ARE NURTURING GFV AND RHM MAY BE WORRIED IT COULD SELL ITS STAKE TO SOME PREDATOR.  
THE BID MAY FACE RESISTANCE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND INVESTMENT AUTHORITIES, GIVEN GFV'S STRONG POSITION IN THE FOOD MARKETS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.  
"THE FEELING SEEMS TO BE THAT THE OFFER ISN'T LIKELY TO GO AHEAD WHICH IS WHY RHM SHARES HAVEN'T GONE THROUGH THE FLOOR HERE," SAID ONE ANALYST.

London Gold

LONDON, APRIL 24, REUTER - GOLD BULLION TRADED QUIETLY THIS MORNING, HOLDING IN A NARROW RANGE. IT WAS FIXED AT 383.90 DLR AN OUNCE, WHICH COMPARED TO FRIDAY AFTERNOON'S CLOSE OF 384.25 DLR AND AN OPENING 383.70 DLR.  
DEALERS SAID BUSINESS WAS EXTREMELY QUIET AS OPERATORS TRIED TO FOLLOW A LACKLUSTRE MARKET. UNCERTAINTY OVER THE INTEREST RATE OUTLOOK INHIBITED ACTIVITY, WITH DEALERS HESITANT TO OPEN FRESH POSITIONS. TECHNICALLY THE MARKET SHOWS NO SIGN OF BREAKING OUT OF ITS CURRENT 380/390 DLR RANGE.  
PLATINUM WAS FIXED AT 546.35 DLR AN OUNCE COMPARED TO AN OPENING OF 546/547 AND FRIDAY'S 549.50/551.00 CLOSE.

London Money Market

LONDON, APRIL 24, REUTER - BRITISH MONEY MARKET RATES OPENED ABOUT 1/16 POINT LOWER. DEALERS SAID THEY EXPECTED RATES TO REMAIN OFF HIGHS WHICH HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY LAST WEEK'S INFLATION FEARS AND RISE IN GERMAN INTEREST RATES.  
BUT AS WEDNESDAY'S U.K. TRADE DATA CAME NEARER, RATES COULD BEGIN TO SHOW REVEALED NERVOUSNESS, THEY SAID.  
THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK WAS ABOUT 1/16 POINT LOWER AT 13-5/16 3/16 PCT AFTER FRIDAY'S LATE 13-3/8 1/4 PCT. SIX MONTH WAS 1/8 PCT EASIER AT 13-7/8 1/4 PCT, COMPARED WITH 13-1/2 3/8 PCT AT THE END OF LAST WEEK.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.7195/05	1.8472/82	6.2650/85	10.750/85	NOON
1.8441/8521	3.165/179	29.415/575	26.04/08	NOON
6.2645/2765	10.744/762	33.74/39.38	33.29	NOON
1.6310/6320	2.8004/8038	88.22/32	26.04/08	NOON
1.20870	3.5825	112.85	33.29	NOON
1.12386	0.655120	2.07801	7.04547	NOON
1.30239	.761988	2.42414	8.20310	NOON
SDR 131.30/30	225.45/75			NOON
SDR RATE	20/04/1989	OTHERS	21/04/1989	

BR ASSETS	78/0	78/0
BR DREGGI	154/0	156/0
BR VITA	254/0	254/0
BRENT CHE	146/0	147/0
BRENT WCR	377/0	377/0
BRIDON	186/0	187/0
BRITAIN SE	192/0	191/0
BRITANNIC	380/0	379/0
BRIXTON E	384/0	384/0
BRN & JAC	41/4	41/0
BROWN SHI	347/0	347/0
BRYANT GP	109/0	110/0
BSG INTL	76/4	76/4
BSR INTL	59/0	58/0
BULLGUNS	150/0	149/0
BULLOUGH	179/0	179/0
BULMER HP	167/0	165/0
CAIRO GRP	413/0	412/0
CALENDONIA	372/0	370/0
CAMB ELEC	223/0	223/0
CANNING W	247/0	245/0
CANNON ST	259/0	258/0
CARADON	349/0	351/0
CARLON EN	157/0	157/0
CATTLE HD	72/0	73/0
CALDON	14/0	14/0
CENTL TV	750/0	753/0
CHAM PHRR	221/0	221/0
CHARTERHA	23/6	23/6
CHAS CHUR	115/0	113/0
CHORLTON	300/0	300/0
CI GROUP	48/0	48/0
CLAYFORD	322/0	322/0
CNTRY SEC	67/0	67/0
CNTRY OIL	176/0	177/0
COATES BR	305/0	302/0
COLLOROLL	165/0	166/0
COOPERLS	201/0	202/0
COPEL F	164/0	164/0
COSTAIN FR	311/0	313/0
COURTS PR	186/0	185/0
COVIE (T)	132/0	134/0
CRH	179/0	180/0
CRODA INT	200/0	200/0
CRYSTALAT	148/0	148/0
CTRY PRCP	258/0	257/0
DARES EST	180/0	181/0
DAVIS ODP	234/0	235/0
DAVSON GP	188/0	188/0
DELTA GRP	312/0	314/0
DEVENISH	295/0	297/0
DEWINTER	44/4	44/0
DIPLOMA	235/0	235/0
DOBSON PK	96/0	96/0
DOPAS GR	339/0	337/0
DOWLINGEM	74/0	75/0
DOUGY GRP	244/0	245/0
DRAYTON FE	389/0	386/0
DRAYTON C	530/0	530/0
DUG	426/0	426/0
DUMKEMIST	79/0	80/0
DUNDEE LD	325/0	325/0
DUNHILL	279/0	278/0
EAGLE TST	192/0	191/0
EDIN T	184/0	185/0
EDMOND HD	42/4	42/4
ELECTRA	267/4	268/0
ELECTROCH	190/0	190/0
EMAP	234/0	235/0
EMPIRE ST	191/0	191/0
ENG. INT. J	299/0	299/0
ETAM	167/0	168/0
EURO. HOME	234/0	235/0
EUROHERM	323/0	323/0
EURTINT	825/0	825/0
EURTINT V	68/0	67/4
EVODER GRP	189/0	187/0
EX.CO.LOU	147/0	146/0
EXPANET	196/0	196/0
F&C ENTER	33/4	33/4
F&C EURO	283/0	282/0
F&C PACIF	165/0	165/0
F&C SHILL	76/4	77/0
FARNELL E	146/0	146/0
FED. HOUSE	209/0	211/0
FENNER JH	177/0	177/0
FERGUSON	267/0	268/0
FINE ARTS	215/0	216/0
FINLAY GP	83/0	83/0
FINLAY J	106/0	106/0
FITCH LOV	264/0	264/0
FKB GROUP	305/0	305/0
FLN.HINC	107/0	107/0
FLM ANG	132/4	133/0
FLM F.E	231/0	230/0
FLM INTV	181/0	181/0
GARDINER	59/0	59/0
GEEST	271/0	271/0
GERBONAT	267/0	267/0
GESTETNER	263/0	262/0
GOODE DUR	128/0	127/0
GPE	43/0	44/0
GRANPH HD	335/0	335/0
GREEN KNG	513/0	512/0
GREENLL W	289/0	289/0
GREYCOAT	477/0	478/0
GRUP TV A	70/0	70/0
GT PRITLD	373/0	373/0
GUINNESS M	125/0	126/0
GUS ORD	575/0	600/0
GVTT ORIE	379/0	378/0
GVTT STRA	257/0	258/0
H.LND DIS	223/0	223/0
HALMA	211/0	212/0
HAMBROS I	298/0	299/0
HANMERSON	865/0	858/0
HAUTH LE	60/0	60/0
HAZELWOOD	248/0	247/0
HEATHCOT	455/0	454/0
HELENE PL	32/4	32/4
HELICAL B	306/0	306/0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	283.2	286.6	284.3	259.3
AUSTRIA	307.2	307.8	309.8	215.4
BELGIUM	458.0	460.2	458.5	260.2
CANADA	389.9	389.0	389.3	350.7
DENMARK	630.1	630.1	627.3	336.6
FRANCE	484.5	481.2	483.9	288.5
GERMANY	216.4	218.2	218.4	156.6
HONG KONG	2358.4	2382.0	2401.7	1644.3
FINLAND	131.8	132.6	133.5	108.1
ITALY	477.1	477.0	475.8	377.4
JAPAN	1455.4	1462.6	1471.4	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	305.9	304.0	304.0	215.9
NEW ZEAL	89.7	90.0	89.6	98.9
NORWAY	828.2	837.4	848.4	392.4
SPORE	723.6	729.5	730.1	473.1
SPAIN	253.4	253.8	253.8	209.5
SWEDEN	1211.8	1212.8	1212.7	856.8
SWITZ	190.9	191.6	192.0	140.7
U.K.	624.0	625.4	633.6	515.7
U.S.A.	284.7	281.4	282.3	229.4
WORLD	512.9	511.2	513.0	408.0
E.A.F.E.	964.0	964.3	968.1	757.5

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A.BSCR CORP	0	38/1
ATLANTIC R	0	94/6
AAR CORP	0	27/4
ABBOTT LAB	0	56/7
ACME CLVLD	0	8/7
ADV MICRO	0	4/4
AEROP LAB	0	53/6
AETNA LIFE	0	18/7
AMMANSON	0	41/3
AIR PR-CHM	0	27/1
ALASKA AIR	0	43/4
ALBERTSONS	0	82/3
ALBMA 8-16	0	32/2
ALCAN ALUM	0	29/0
ALCO STAND	0	53/1
AM CAP SEC	0	18/7
AN CYNARD	0	90/4
AN FAMLY	0	10/1
AN HON PRO	0	61/3
AN STAND	0	34/6
AN STORES	0	44/7
AN TEL-TEL	0	43/2
ANOCO CORP	0	14/6
AMP INC	0	63/3
AMR CORP	0	35/3
AMR GEN CO	0	40/0
AMERADA HE	0	10/6
ANTHONY ELE	0	10/1
APACHE CP	0	82/4
APPAL 8-12	0	37/4
ARMSTRONG	0	42/2
ASRLND OIL	0	9/6
ASIA PACIF	0	20/5
ATLS CORP	0	23/7
AVERT INT	0	22/1
AVNET INC	0	25/1
AVON PRODS	0	31

## International Bond Highlights

## BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	90.50	90.50	90.50	MUK IRON	109	110	116.50
ACC	305	308	306	GNASIN	40.50	40	40.25	NAT INDEX	387.86		390.82
ALEN CHEN	--	--	--	-- GRFC	119.50	124	127	NIPPON	44	42	43
ALW NIS	--	--	--	-- GSFC	148.75	151.25	146.25	NOCL	840	840	815
ARI FAB	--	--	--	-- GUJ ALKL	67	66	67.25	ORKAY	25	25	25
ASHOK LEE	80.50	84	81	GUJ HEAVY	13.50	12	13	OSHAL AGRO	84	88	89
ASIA PAINT	202.50	201.25	195	HERO HONDA	30.50	29.50	30	PEICO	27	27	28
ATLAS COP	49	48	48	HIND CIBA	985	1000	1000	PONS	197.50	195	198.75
AUTO CORP	84	82	84	HIND COCOA	115	115	113.75	PREM AUTO	59	59	59.50
BAJAJ AUTO	432.50	436.25	435	HIND LEVER	82	81	82	RANBAXY	115	107.50	115
BAR RAYON	477.50	490	472.50	HIND MOTOR	44.50	46	45.50	RAY WOOL	78	77.50	78
BEL BOND	148	147.50	148	HINDALCO	305	--	--	RECKITT	185	180	192.50
BLOW PLAST	--	--	--	HOECHST	900	930	920	RELANCE	152.50	155	151
BOM DYE	154	156	153	IND ORG	40	40	40	SESA GAO	47	47	51
BSE INDEX	750.91	--	761.09	IND RAYON	91.50	92	94	SHAW HALL	--	--	--
BURR WEL	222.50	217.50	225	INDROL	317.50	321.25	313.75	SHRI FIB	74	--	--
CANSHARE	--	180	190	INGERSOLL	380	370	380	SIEMENS	77	78	78
CEN ENKA	2660	2660	2670	ITC	85	85	86	SK SP	2840	2830	2850
CEN SPG	1900	1900	1900	J K ENGG	85	85	88	SPIC	62	62	61
COLGATE	350	352.50	345	KIR ENGG	817.50	187.50	187.50	ST HILLS	280	300	300
CROMPT GR	900	900	925	KIR CURR	77.50	76.25	75	TATA CHEN	117	117	116
DCM	14	12.50	13.50	KSS PUMPS	380	370	370	TATA OIL	72.50	72.50	70
DEEP FERT	31.75	31.50	31.50	LIPTON	99	97	99.50	TATA POW	327.50	325	330
DUNLON	90	87.50	92.50	AWT	78	77	77	TELECO	787.50	800	795
EI HOTELS	55	53	57.50	MAD RUSSEL	100	97.50	106.25	AGRO	--	--	--
ESCORTS	68	70	70	MAD COATS	96	96	98	TISCO	1351	1387	1395
ESKAYEE	145	145	143.75	MAHINDRA	102	100	103	VAN ORG	160	159	158
ESSAR SPG	24	24	23	MAS SHARE	17	17.50	17.25	VARELI	27.50	28.75	30
FOOD SPL	208.75	212.50	208.75	MICO	620	590	590	VOLTAS	690	680	695
FORBES	50	49	50	MILKFOOD	280	--	--	WINCO	29.50	29.50	29
GAR POLY	75	75	76.25	MRI	102.50	105	105	ZENITH	65	63	65
GE SHIPING	42.50	43	43	HPI LTD	450	465	450	ZUARI AGRO	65	65	65

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	219.0	221.0
ALLIANZ VR	1845.0	1843.0
BRADENWERK	1901.0	191.5
BASF	299.5	303.0
BAYER	299.5	303.0
BAYER HYP	396.0	394.0
BAYER VR	394.0	393.0
BBC	449.0	448.0
BHF	467.0	468.5
BOM	518.0	519.5
COMMERZBK	231.0	232.0
CONTI GUMM	260.5	266.5
DANINER BEN	679.5	681.5
DEUTSCHE BANK	548.5	552.0
DOW	540.0	543.0
DRESDBANK	324.5	327.2
ED. BACH	167.5	166.0
EAG INDEX	0	377.19
FAZ	347.94	349.58
DEUTSCHWID	392.0	398.50
HARDWEER	433.0	431.0
HOECHST AG	299.0	302.5
HOECHS	240.5	240.0
KURTEN	239.0	235.0
MOSSEL HLD	543.5	543.2
CAL SALZ	402.0	402.0
CARLSTADT	220.0	222.0
CLAUFHOF	456.5	456.0
CLOECK H	163.5	166.5
CLOECK W	163.0	166.0
LDW	730.0	733.0
LUFTHANSA	169.5	168.0
MAY	274.0	277.2
MANHESSEN	227.0	227.8
METALLS	535.0	537.0
METALLGES	420.0	423.0
NORDRUF PF	311.5	314.5
NORSK HYD	50.90	50.40
PHILIP KOM	701.5	710.0
PORSCHE	708.0	707.0
PREUSSAG	272.0	273.5
PVA	291.3	290.0
RHEINMETAL	452.0	453.0
RUF	276.0	279.0
SAL P	243.5	243.0
SCHERING	611.0	612.5
SEL	312.0	315.0
SIEMENS	529.0	533.7
THYSEN	228.1	228.7
VEBA	375.3	370.0
WARTA	295.0	297.2
WOLK	169.7	169.8
DEUTSCHWAGEN	348.5	349.5

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STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE'			
AIJINOMOTO	2750	2680	NITSURU CP	1590 1580
AKAI ELEC	747	745	NITSURU EL	1080 1090
AKOKI	1570	1580	NITSURU EST	2410 2410
ASAHARI GLS	2320	2360	NITSURU HVT	1070 1100
ASAHARI OPT	887	900	NITSUI CO	1110 1140
BAIKU TOKYO	1640	1650	NITSUKOSHI	2330 2320
BRIDGESTON	1560	1590	NITSUMI EL	980 980
CANON	1600	1630	NICHICON	1720 1760
CASIO COMP	1360	1370	NINON CHNT	1240 1210
CHUGAI PHM	1520	1540	NIKKO SEC	1740 1750
CITIZEN W	1020	1050	NIP ELEC	1780 1750
-ICHI KAN	3300	3270	NIP OKK	905 912
AI NIP IK	918	935	NIP STEEL	1270 1710
AI NIP PT	2280	2250	NIP YUSEN	915 910
AI NIP SC	1050	1050	NIS MOTEN	1050 1060
AI NIP TO	970	982	NIS MOTEN	1480 1480
AIGEL	1150	1180	NOMURA SEC	3250 3310
AIWA H	1800	1800	OHSA CO	1080 1080
AIWA SEC	1210	1190	OLYMPUS	1230 1250
BAI WFG	1990	2030	PENTA DCN	1520 1540
ISAI	1920	1960	PIONEER	3050 3060
UITSUJ	1400	1420	RENONA	1040 1050
UJIJI BANK	3330	3390	RICOH	1220 1210
UJIJI PHOTO	3400	3430	SANKYO	2500 2480
UJIJISAMA	1650	1650	SANYO ELEC	899 910
UJIITA CP	2050	2120	SEIYU ST	2050 2050
UTACHI	1510	1500	SEKISUI PB	1760 1750
YONDA MOT	1860	1880	SHARP	1270 1280
YSETAN	2250	2270	SHISEIDO	1720 1720
YATO YOKADO	3450	3410	SONY	6640 6700
YAP SYN RU	1420	1500	SUMITOMO	1350 1350
JAPAN MET	16000	16000	TAISEI	1760 1770
KAJIMA	1150	1180	TAISHO MRN	1270 1260
KANSAI EL	2320	2290	TAKEBA CH	2300 2300
KOAO SOAP	4180	4170	TEIJIN	876 885
KAWASAKI S	1610	1620	TOKI NEW IX	422.98 438.19
KAWASAKI H	1020	1030	TOKIO MRN	1970 1990
KIRIH BREW	949	947	TOKYO ELEC	1190 1220
KOBAYASHI	1910	1900	TOKYO GAS	1050 1050
KUBOTA LTD	1300	1320	TOKYO POWR	5640 5700
KYOCERA	1250	1250	TORAY LTD	1010 1010
NAKITA EL	4700	4450	TOSHIBA EL	1190 1200
NAKITA EL	1680	1700	TOTO	2080 2080
NARUI	2710	2720	TOYO KKOYI	930 957
NATSUTA EI	2300	2300	TOYOTA MOT	2480 2470
NATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAHA	1460 1460
NIJJI SEIK	1090	1110	YAMAHATCHI	1750 1780
			YAMAMOUCHI	3290 3330
			YAMAZAKI	1400 1390

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

APRIL 10.

"IT'S VERY QUIET. NOTHING IS GOING ON," SAID MIKE HORIZANTZ, A MARKET ANALYST AT MERRILL LYNCH JAMES PIERCE.

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI CLOSED 155.34 POINTS LOWER ON FRIDAY AND 178.68 POINTS LOWER ON THURSDAY.

THESE DECLINES AND WALL STREET'S SURGE TO A NEW POST-CRASH HIGH ON FRIDAY BROUGHT IN INDIVIDUAL BARGAIN-HUNTERS AND SENT THE NIKKEI UP 85.32 POINTS TO THE DAY'S HIGH OF 33,115.13 IN EARLY TRADE.

BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF OTHER BUYING INCENTIVES AND DUE TO A NUMBER OF UNCERTAINTIES, THE NIKKEI SLIPPED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, FALLING 325.98 POINTS TO A MID-AFTERNOON LOW OF 32,705.83.

SOME LATE INDEX-RELATED BUYING HELPED THE NIKKEI RECOVER FROM ITS LOMS, BROKERS SAID.

MANY NEW INVESTMENT TRUSTS AND MUTUAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN SET UP AND GRADUAL BUYING FOR THESE OFTEN COMES IN WHEN PRICES FALL, BROKERS SAID. MANY OF THESE FUNDS ARE INDEX-LINKED.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, ENDED 15.21 POINTS OFF AT 2,422.98 AFTER FALLING 9.23 POINTS ON FRIDAY.

FALLS TOOK A STRONG LEAD OVER RISES WITH 634 ISSUES LOWER, 256 HIGHER AND 181 UNCHANGED.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS STAYED ON THE SIDELINES, WHERE THEY ARE EXPECTED TO STAY ALL WEEK, BROKERS SAID.

## Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, APRIL 24, REUTER. - BLUE CHIPS CLOSED A SEESAW DAY LOWER AFTER THEIR TRADING, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 13.24 POINTS LOWER AT 3,095.99 AFTER FLUCTUATING BETWEEN 3,081 AND 3,118. THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX FELL 10.42 TO 2,045.45.

TURNOVER SHRANK TO 848.93 MLN HONG KONG DLS FROM FRIDAY'S 951.58 MLN.

SOME LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS MAY HOLD THEIR POSITIONS UNTIL MAY 4 TO SEE IF THERE WILL BE A MAJOR POLITICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, SA A BROKER WITH A U.K. HOUSE SAID.

## ARMYMAN

AMMAN					
	OPENING	CLOSING			
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.80	1.79	JOR LESTING CORP.	0.79	0.80
ARAB ALUMINIUM IND.	1.88	1.85	JOR LIM BRICK	0.20	0.21
ARAB BANK	146.5	146.5	JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ARAB COMMICAL DTER	4.55	4.45	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.45	2.45
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.75	3.65
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.08	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.64	3.64
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.58	0.60	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.90	1.88
ARAB INT. UNION INS.	1.05	1.01	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.77
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.00	0.99	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.44
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.77	0.80
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.45	0.43	JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.02	3.08	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.41	2.33
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.98	0.98	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.10	2.00
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.00	5.00
BANK OF JORDAN	15.12	15.12	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91
BEIT AL MAL/BEITNA	1.10	1.10	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.98	7.97
BELGIUM INVESTMENT	1.00	0.95	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
CAIRO AMIAN BANK	31.00	30.00	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.30	2.33
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.36	0.34
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.47	0.45	JORDAN DAIRY	0.90	0.88
DAR ALDAHA DV/INV	2.38	2.38	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.24	1.23
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.71	0.71	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
FINANCE/CREDIT/CDR	0.75	0.71	JORDAN INSURANCE	3.00	3.00
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.55	4.60	JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	2.00	1.98
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.01	1.40
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.35	1.27	JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.00
GENERAL MINING.	2.10	2.10	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.71
HIMMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75	MADRID PHARM	0.79	0.79
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	NAD EAST EXCHANGE	1.11	1.11
IND./MATCH JENCO	0.62	0.64	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.42	0.40
INDUSTRIAL DEVLP/BAK	1.65	1.63	MIDDLE EAST INS	2.03	2.00
INDSTRY/CNWA/AGR	1.69	1.60	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75	0.75
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	2.15	2.04
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13	0.13	NAT/CABEL/NTRF/AF	1.88	1.84
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90	NATIONAL ARAB IA	1.34	1.48
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97	0.94
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.71	1.72	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.88	0.88
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	NATIONAL STEEL	2.85	2.90
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	ORIENT BATTERY	0.90	0.90
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	19.75	19.75	PETRA BAK	2.55	2.50
JOR. CERAMIC FACT	1.90	1.90	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
JOR. DAIRY MILK	25.15	25.15	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10	1.11
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.45	1.45	PRECAST CONCRETE	0.65	0.66
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.99	1.00	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.63	0.63
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30	SHIPPING LINES	1.09	1.05
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.30	2.25	SPINNING WEVING	1.10	1.10
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	THE HOUSING BANK	1.89	1.85
			TRADING INSURANCE	1.16	1.14
			UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	0.50	0.50
			UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.65
			WOOLLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.30	1.30

**PHILIPPINES MAKATI**

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	61.00	80.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.31	.32
AC-A <td>2.90</td> <td>20.75</td> <td>21.75</td> <td>LC-B<td>.33</td><td>.34</td></td>	2.90	20.75	21.75	LC-B <td>.33</td> <td>.34</td>	.33	.34
ANS <td>2.50</td> <td>2.95</td> <td>2.95</td> <td>PA-A<td>.33</td><td>.34</td></td>	2.50	2.95	2.95	PA-A <td>.33</td> <td>.34</td>	.33	.34
GLO <td>3.00</td> <td>31.50</td> <td>31.50</td> <td>PA-B<td>.34</td><td>.35</td></td>	3.00	31.50	31.50	PA-B <td>.34</td> <td>.35</td>	.34	.35
PLDT <td>285.00</td> <td>287.50</td> <td>287.50</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	285.00	287.50	287.50			
OIL SECTOR						
KPSI-A <td>3.40</td> <td>3.50</td> <td></td> <td>BP-A<td>.015</td><td>.016</td></td>	3.40	3.50		BP-A <td>.015</td> <td>.016</td>	.015	.016
KPSI-B <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>BP-B<td>.015</td><td>.016</td></td>				BP-B <td>.015</td> <td>.016</td>	.015	.016
SMC-A <td>213.00</td> <td>215.00</td> <td>220.00</td> <td>LRC-A<td>.003</td><td>.0034</td></td>	213.00	215.00	220.00	LRC-A <td>.003</td> <td>.0034</td>	.003	.0034
SMC-B <td>262.50</td> <td>285.00</td> <td></td> <td>LRC-B<td>.0034</td><td>.0036</td></td>	262.50	285.00		LRC-B <td>.0034</td> <td>.0036</td>	.0034	.0036
MINING SECTOR						
APX-A <td>.024</td> <td>.025</td> <td>.026</td> <td>OPN-A<td>.045</td><td>.046</td></td>	.024	.025	.026	OPN-A <td>.045</td> <td>.046</td>	.045	.046
APX-B <td>.024</td> <td>.025</td> <td>.027</td> <td>OPN-B<td>.047</td><td>.049</td></td>	.024	.025	.027	OPN-B <td>.047</td> <td>.049</td>	.047	.049
AT-A <td>61.50</td> <td>62.00</td> <td>58.00</td> <td>OV-A<td>.043</td><td>.044</td></td>	61.50	62.00	58.00	OV-A <td>.043</td> <td>.044</td>	.043	.044
				OV-B <td>.044</td> <td>.045</td>	.044	.045

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	2,614,820	18,481,600	1,113.81	16.87 DN
MINING	257,459,850	37,983,205	5,664.69	93.23 UP
OIL	558,200,000	16,844,150	6.971	0.177 UP
TOTAL	815,639,850	73,308,955	984.01	5.69 UP

**PHILIPPINES MANILA**

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR							
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	81.00	81.50	80.50
SMC-A	213.00	214.00	219.00	BC-B	86.00	90.00	
SMC-B	285.00	287.50	280.00	LC-A	.31	.32	.33
SD-TIRE	40.00	39.00	39.50	LC-B	.32	.33	.34
PLDT	285.00	287.50	287.50	Z1P	.012	.013	.014
AMSCOR-A	2.90	2.95	2.95	OIL SECTOR			
AC-A	31.25	32.00	31.75	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
BLO	20.50	32.00	21.50	BP-A	.015	.016	.015
FER-A	2.44	2.46	2.50	BP-B	.015	.016	.016
FER-B	2.50	2.60		LRC-A	.0032	.0036	.0032
				LRC-B	.0032	.0034	
MINING SECTOR							
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPH-A	.045	.046	.047
APX-A	.024	.025	.026	OPH-B	.047	.048	.049
APX-B	.024	.025	.026	OV-A	.044	.045	.044
AT-A *	62.00	62.50	59.50	OV-B	.044	.045	.045
AT-R *	62.00	62.50	59.50	TA	.023	.024	.025

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION			
SECTOR	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	3,858,535	27,159,980	1112.95
MINING	463,129,230	168,680,215	5266.39
OILS	1,005,100,000	29,586,500	7.616
TOTAL	1,472,087,765	225,426,695	984.22

**SINGAPORE**

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	G KENT	79	7	KECK SENG	187	18
ADEF A				G LUMBER	147	14	KILLINGRA		35
ADEF B				G TOWN		10	N CEMENT	188	18
AJIMOHOTO				G U HDLGS	----	10	N CONT	156	15
ANAL IND	117	20	11	GANDA HDG	43.5	43	N FEEDML	----	3
ANAL PRP	31.5	1	10	GEN CORP	78.5	85	N FLOUR	130	28
ANCOL	170	17	3	G ENTING	580	57	N GLASS	250	25
BERJAYA	138	13	10	GEOR T RT			N TIN PRT	82.5	79
BOUSTEAD	153	15	10	GOLD COOH			N UTD IND	236	23
CARLSBERG	555	54	15	OSI	139	13	N UTD MFG	127	11
CCM	340	34	10	GUINNESS	364	36	M'SHITA	640	63
CEREBOIS	550	54	10	GULA		28	M'WATA	107	10
CHEN IND	312	30	10	GUTHRIE	54	5	NAGNUM	302	29
CK TANG	462	43	10	H L IND.	240	24	NALEX IND	680	58
GOLD STOR	356	34	10	HARTMAN	112	11	MULPHAINO	54	5
GS HDLGS	48	48	10	HAW PAR	320	32	MULTIPURP	110	11
DCH				IBCHCAPE	570	57	MURATUPO		
DNB DHD				INDO-PAC	113	16	N ST TIME	342	34
DUTA CON	147	14	10	INNOVEST	169	11	NE TINDER	115	11
DUTCHBARY				IRASAS	42	4	PEGL	50	4
ELEC MAGN				INTRACCO	278	27	ROBINSON	273	27
ESCO ORD	222	21	10	J ENRG	340	30	ROTH IND	200	20
FU YAN S.	246	24	10	J SHYARD	515	55	S PODDER		
F A C B	30	3	10	JACKS LTD	130	12	S PACIFIC		
F E SHIP	350	35	10	JC ENT	109	10	S PRESS	675	66
FBN ORD	955	95	10	JC-NPH	121	11	S PRESS F	690	67
FEB FABLE	----			JORAN HDG	49	4	S SNIP	470	47
FED CABLE				K G HDLGS	113	11	S'WANG M	189	19
FIMA HDG	308	30	10	K KELLAS		22	SAYO		
FUJITEC				KAMUNTING	99	10	SHELL ORD	515	50
				KE SAING	107	10	ST STMSHP	276	26

## Singapore Stock Market Report

**SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE WITH PARED GAINS**

SINGAPORE, APRIL 26, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED MARGINALLY HIGHER BUT OFF EARLY GAINS ON INTERMITTENT PROFIT-TAKING, BROKERS SAID.

THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 2.97 POINTS TO 1,267.24 FROM FRIDAY'S 1,244.27 AFTER RISING NINE POINTS AT MIDDAY. RISES LED FALLS BY 132 TO 92 AND TURNOVER DROPPED TO 99.4 MLN SHARES FROM 115.8 MLN ON FRIDAY.

DEALERS SAID A LACK OF FOLLOW-THROUGH BUYING SUPPORT AND PROFIT-TAKING CHECKED THE MORNING'S BUOYANT TREND. ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON MALAYSIAN SPECULATIVE AND LOWER-PRICED SHARES.

## KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
-NATIONAL BANK	0.990	0.990	1.000	0.990	2331000	8
-GULF BANK	0.385	0.390	0.395	0.390	3670000	8
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.290	0.295	0.300	0.290	3600000	10
-AHLI BANK	0.330	0.335	0.345	0.335	1741500	3
-B.K.M.E	0.330	0.340	0.340	0.340	240000	
-K.R.E.B.	0.335	0.340	0.340	0.340	10000	
-BURGAN BANK	0.295	0.295	0.300	0.295	3160000	10
-K.F.HOUSE	0.490	0.490	0.490	0.485	650000	2
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KUT INV. CO.	0.095	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.I.I.C.	0.064	0.062	0.062	0.062	40000	
-COM.FACILITIES	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	300000	
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-F.F.A.	0.048	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-INV. PEARL KUT	0.087	0.080	0.080	0.080	1189949	
-NATIONAL INV.	0.065	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KUT PROJECTS.	0.081	0.079	0.079	0.079	440000	

## Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.2853	0.2896
Sterling	0.4941	0.4973
Dm.	0.1558	0.1569
S. fr.	0.1763	0.1776
F. fr	0.0459	0.0463
It. lira	0.0002123	0.0002137
Japan yen	0.0002180	0.0022380
Bh. dinar	0.76512	0.76879
UAE dh.	0.07859	0.07891
S. riyal	0.07690	0.07728
Q. riyal	0.07923	0.07962
Q. riyal	0.74923	0.75271

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-3/4	9-1/8
3 months	8-3/4	9-1/8
6 months	8-11/16	9-1/8
1 year	8-5/8	9-1/8

## KD deposit rates ease in quiet market

Dealers said spot-next fell 1/2 point from yesterday to 8-1/2 7-1/2 per cent and tomorrow-next eased to 8-3/4 1/2 from nine eight. One week was steady at 8-1/2 8-1/2.

Dealers said a 40 million dinar (\$140 million) Treasury bill issue on Wednesday was unlikely to have much effect on rates.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposit rates were steady in a quiet market during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, with few deals reported other than in the short dates.

## Iraq, Lebanon in \$100 million trade deal

Iraq, which supports Aoun against his Syrian-backed rival Selim Hoss, would in turn sell \$50 million worth of dates, motor spares, medicines, sulphur, fertilisers and rice to Lebanon.

Lebanon will sell to Iraq semi-finished material for the production of textiles, electric cables, detergents, alcohol and shoes, the newspaper said.

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JACOBS S I	7400	7400	SVB	1745	1730
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JACOBS S P	635	639	SUISSEAIR N	960	958
JELN I	2400	2400	W THUR I	4625	4650
JELN PS	350	355	W THUR N	3780	3780
LANDIS N	1260	1270	W THUR PS	730	742
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ZUR	5-7/8 6-1/8	6-3/8 6-5/8	6-3/8 6-5/8
BRX	7.85	8-1/8 1/4	8-1/4 3/8
NOM	12-1/4 12-5/8	12 12-1/2	12-1/8 12-5/8
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## Kodak introduces Ektar

Designed specifically for advanced amateur 35mm photographers who use single-lens reflex (SLR) cameras and require the highest image quality, Kodak Ektar 25 film and Kodak Ektar 1000 film offer exceptional quality prints.

While most photographers

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# OICC to celebrate Nehru centenary

THE Overseas Indian Cultural Congress (OICC) will celebrate the birth centenary of Jawaharlal Nehru with a varied programme of sport and entertainment.

OICC General Secretary John Manduran said they have planned the celebrations on a large scale.

The programme is as follows:

**Volleyball tournament:** The celebrations start with a Volleyball tournament, commencing on May 4. About 20 local Indian teams are expected to take part. A committee has been formed with Vijaya Bhaskar as convener and P.I. Arachan as joint convener. Committee members are Ponachen, Wilson and Sasi.

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- 11.00 Holy Quran
- 11.30 Al Madrasah Al Mohammadia: religious serial
- 12.15 Cartoons
- 12.30 Cultural film
- 1.00 News summary
- 1.35 Cartoon serial
- 2.00 Al Nabi Ha Hima: historical serial, starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Madiha Kamel, Amina Rizk
- 3.15 Ishra'at Al Imaan: religious programme
- 3.30 Hatab Wa Naar: Arabic serial, part 6
- 4.30 Musabaqat Al Ramadan: A re-run
- 5.00 Ashwaqi Bila Hudood: Arabic serial, starring Hamdi Ghaith, Nasreen Shweikar, Tahya Karioka: directed by Fuad Jalil
- 5.50 Holy Quran
- 6.30 Safinah Al Asdiqa: cartoon serial
- 7.00 Hadith Deeni
- 7.15 Al Tamkeen: serial for children, starring Khalid Al Obeid Ali Mufedi, Muna Essa
- 8.15 Muslims in Hong Kong: informative programme, introduced by Sameer Atah; directed by Muneer Al Toni
- 9.30 Musabaqat Ramadan
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 10.50 Khuz Wa Khul: Arabic serial, starring Intasar Al Sharah, Dawood Hussein
- 11.45 Asakum Min Awada, presented by Rasha Majidi
- 12.00 Al Talatiya: (Najib Mahfouz): daily serial, featuring Mahmoud Mursi, Ma'ali Zayed
- 12.30 Al Ostaz Wal Halfout: Arabic feature, starring Jamil Razi, Al

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



A scene from Captain Power on KTV2 at 8.30 tonight.

- Muntasir Billah, Aziza Rashed, Ibrahim Yusr
- 2.15 News Summary
- 2.20 World News via Satellite
- 2.50 Holy Quran and Closures
- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Islamic Horizon
- 8.20 Cartoons
- 8.30 Captain Power: A sci-fi adventure. A rescue mission to save civilians from Sooran's Digitizer begins. Kasko is bitter and vengeful and

- challenges Tank to a deadly street fight.
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.30 Forty Hadith Qudsi: religious programme
- 9.45 Medicine in Islam
- 10.30 The Fourth Arm: Part 3. A team is formed, and training starts to complete the mission of destroying an ammunition plant.
- 11.00 Bustan' Loose: "Oh! Big Brother."
- 11.30 Q.E.D. "The Man Who Believes in Body Transplants." Brain surgeon Robert J. White believes in body trans-

splants and an experiment he conducts with monkeys is a success. Q.E.D. asks: "Is it possible to transplant a human body?"

12.00 The Equaliser: McCall is involved in another adventure packed thriller

1.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closures.

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### BBC World Services

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- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Short Story
- 45 Europe's World
- 0200 World News
- 0300 British Press Review
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- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Waveguide
- 25 Book Choice
- 30 Megamix
- 1200 Newslash
- 15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Network UK
- 45 Single Gospel
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 Chopin Collection
- 1500 Newslash
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Omnibus
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Music
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newslash
- 30 Discovery
- 1900 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Development '89
- 2000 World News
- 09 The World Today
- 25 Words of Faith
- 30 Meridian
- 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup
- 15 Business Matters
- 30 Megamix
- 2200 Newslash
- 2300 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Concert Hall
- FM Services
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1200 Arabic Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News on FM Service
- 1340 Easy Listening

- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 1900 Heter Skelter
- 2130 News
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Listening
- 0200 Closures

### CINEMA

- Al Andalus: Deadly Pursuit. Starring: Sydney Poitier, Christy Ha
- Al Sahiya: Hanna and Her Sisters. Starring: Rudy Allan, Michel Kane
- Al Hamra: Nico. Starring: Steve Segal, Gill Whitlow
- Drive-In: Al Shaitan Yaghna (Arabic). Starring: Mahmood Yaseen, Bosi
- Fahadhel: C.O.D.
- Jahra: Rameen Saat Bhai Chamba Granada
- Onnum Onnum Pathin-onnu
- Salaibikhat
- Fandango
- Jeeb
- Super Star
- Almadi Drive-In
- Arabic film

### NIGHT CHEMIST

- KUWAIT
- Loula Pharmacy
- Ahmad Al Jabbar St., near Dasman Complex
- Al Shariya Pharmacy
- Opposite the Communication Ministry Building, Hilali St.
- Hawaly and Nagra
- Nura Pharmacy
- Nura, Al Othman St., near Hamad Al Barrak Mosque
- Sahiya and Ramadithya
- Al Quds Pharmacy
- Amman St., Abdul Karim Al Mezel Building
- Fahadhel and Almadi
- Burqan Pharmacy
- Fahadhel, Al Sabah Market.
- Khaitan
- Al Hayat Pharmacy
- Bin Zohair St., Al Zebein Building
- Jahra
- Al Khaled Pharmacy
- Opposite Jahra Co-operative Society

### PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.47 am
- Zuhr 11.46
- Asr 3.21 pm
- Maghreb 6.21
- Isha 7.42

### RAMADAN TIMINGS

- Imsak 3.37 am
- Iftar 6.21 pm



Joseph James Kizakkedath baking one of the many freshly made pizzas available at the SAS Kuwait's new Bistretto Restaurant. You can watch your own pizza being prepared.

## ENVIRONMENT

Global traffic in hazardous waste

## Poorer nations becoming world's 'dustbin'

By Timothy Aepel

BASEL, Switzerland: After months of political wrangling, the world has taken a halting step toward reining in the global traffic in hazardous waste.

At a meeting last month — attended by 116 countries — a new treaty was hammered out that sets guidelines for monitoring the trade. But even advocates admit this is just the beginning of an uphill battle.

The convention falls far short of what some countries wanted: an outright ban on waste exports. It's also not clear whether some key countries, including most African nations and the United States, are willing to ratify the treaty. Still, many diplomats say the agreement represents a "first step" toward getting the waste export business out into the open.

It's an urgent task. In recent years, barrels of imported waste have shown up on docks from Bangkok to Benin — angering poorer nations worried that they're becoming the industrialized world's "dustbin."

Often, the waste comes from countries where stiff environmental regulations have hiked disposal costs, making it profitable to send the material far away.

"We simply don't have the mechanisms to control this trade," says Alexandre Sambat, head of Gabon's delegation to the meeting.

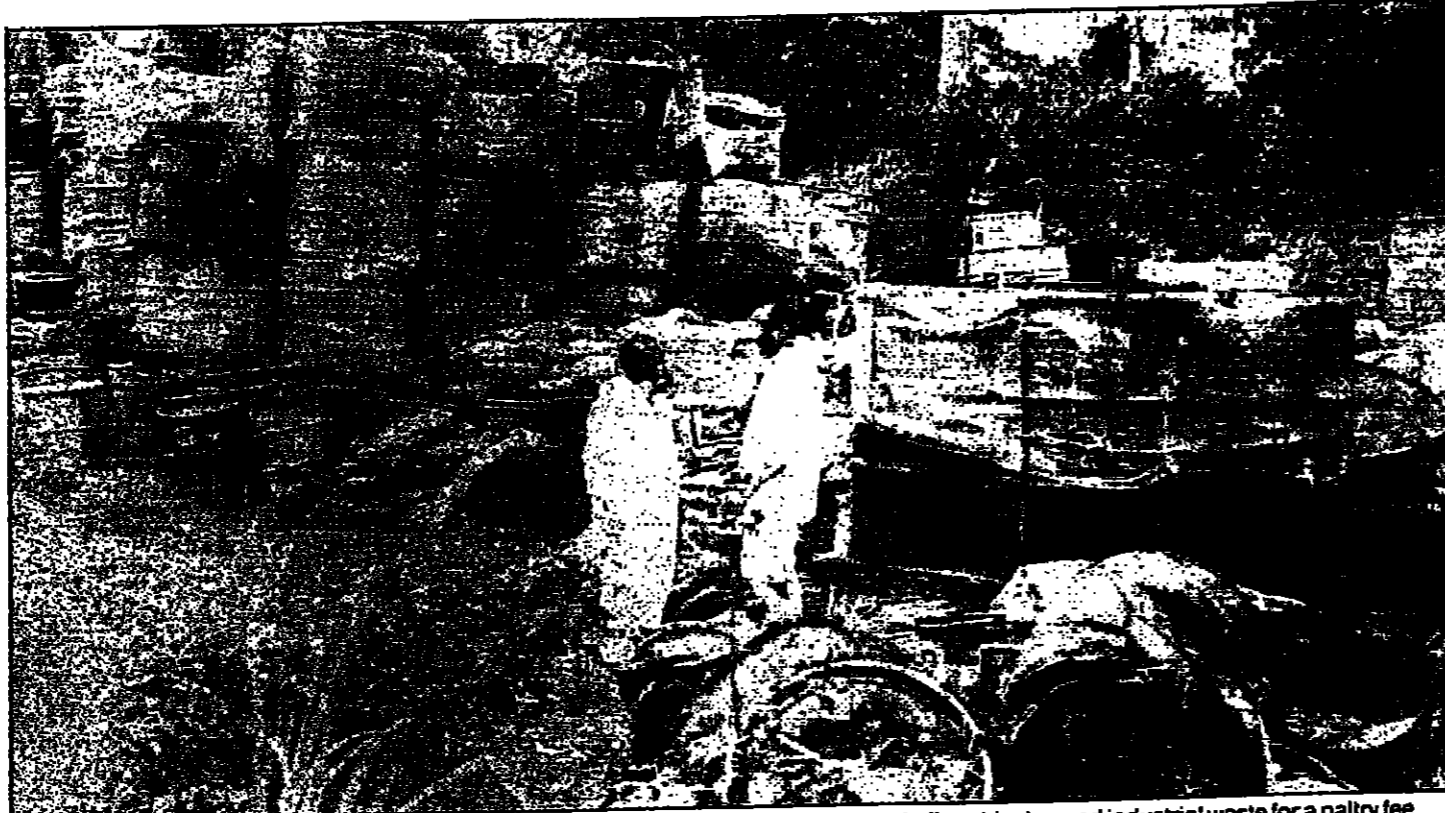
A group of 40 African nations refused to sign the new treaty, saying they'd discuss it at a regional meeting in June. Many African and South American countries want to craft regional agreements with stricter provisions than those envisioned here.

The convention — sponsored by the UN's Environment Programme — requires waste exporters to get written approval from an importing country before any shipment is sent. It also obliges exporters to take back illegally shipped waste.

Of the countries present at the meeting, only 34 signed it on the spot. Many more will do so in coming months. The treaty must be formally ratified by 20 states before it can take effect.

Some 40 developing nations already ban the import of hazardous waste. But, speaking privately, many say this isn't enough to stop a trade which is often done illegally.

"This convention provides a legal framework to continue the hazardous waste trade — it doesn't do anything to reduce that trade," says Kevin Stairs, a waste



Tropical rubbish dump: environmentalists inspect the Koko site in Nigeria, where an Italian ship dumped industrial waste for a paltry fee

campaigner with the environmental group Greenpeace.

Mostafa Tolba, executive director of the UN's Environment Programme, dubs the business "immoral" — since it can exploit the weaknesses of poorer societies. But he emphasizes that it was never the UN's intention to push for a total ban.

Dr. Tolba points out that many developing countries may need to export their own wastes in the near future — in the interest of sound environmental management.

It might make sense, for instance, for a crowded country in the tropics to send hazardous wastes to dumps in less densely populated and drier regions, where there's less chance of dangerous materials leaching into the soil. Plus, as countries industrialize, they may find they're unable to cope with their own wastes.

Indeed, some developing countries already export waste. Singapore has sent industrial waste to Thailand, while Bahrain has shipped toxic materials to Britain for treatment. "Such movement should take place under environmentally sound conditions," says Tolba, regardless of who's the recipient.

Still, it's a politically thorny issue. Many developing countries, especially in Africa, have come to view waste exports as a form of neo-colonialism. The sloppy

nature of many of the deals — some of which have caused serious environmental damage — has only made the issue more sensitive. "We've found barrels of waste dumped off on our beach," says Laurent Radaddy, a diplomat from Madagascar. "How are we going to control this, unless we get stricter international measures?"

Simple economic drives much of the business.

In one extreme example, the tiny West African nation of Guinea-Bissau was recently offered a deal by US and European waste traders that could have earned it an estimated \$500 million — about three times its gross national product. The deal was turned down.

Meanwhile, not all waste trade fits the stereotype.

The largest chunk of US hazardous waste exports, for example, goes to Canada, which has a special bilateral agreement with Washington governing the trade, as does Mexico. Much of West Germany's hazardous wastes are shipped to a single dump just over the border inside East Germany.

Alliance  
This growing global network creates some surprising alliances. East and West Germany, for instance, tend to stand shoulder-to-shoulder on waste export issues.

In the end, however, the main division falls between industrialized and developing nations.

For instance, a proposal to require that exporters be allowed to ship only to countries with environmental regulations equal to those of the exporting country got scrapped from the convention — largely as a result of US opposition. The US argued that such a provision would effectively ban US waste exports, including those to Canada.

The US is pushing hard to keep the focus on national legislation, rather than turning the waste trade issue over to international controls.

The Bush administration vowed early in March to clamp down on waste exports — by banning shipments to any country that doesn't have a waste-export agreement with Washington.

Meanwhile, activists are already looking toward the first follow-up meeting of the new convention — scheduled three months after the treaty is ratified.

Many tough issues are likely to surface at coming sessions. For instance, the convention says that the first meeting will set technical guidelines for "environmentally sound management of wastes."

"We're at the start of a very long road," one UN official says.  
1989, The Christian Science Monitor.

## Why the sudden ozone scare?

A Third World viewpoint

By Gurmit Singh K.S.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: Many Third Worlders are rather mystified about the calls emanating from developed countries for global action on saving the ozone layer.

Both the Citizens Symposium on CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) and the Ministerial Ozone Conference, held in London early in March, failed to provide illumination on the perceived threat. Developing countries were once again being asked to make sacrifices for the global environmental destruction wreaked by the industrialized countries.

But what is even more galling is that the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, signed in September 1987, which seeks to alleviate the problem, threatens trade sanctions against non-signatories.

It is apparent that many developing countries, including Malaysia, are pledging to sign the Protocol more to avoid the trade sanctions, and less out of conviction that they are really contributing significantly to ozone depletion. Even environmentalists from the developing countries are sceptical of the motives.

Is it because Caucasians and their governments have woken up to the fact that skin cancer among them will rise significantly because of continued ozone depletion? Or are they genuinely concerned about the overall environmental degradation, including the displacement of marine and global greenhouse effect?

The Montreal Protocol also suffers from a few fatal flaws. While specifying consumption level cuts, it allows production to increase by 10 per cent above the 1986 levels. Subsequent scientific studies show that these limits will still increase the CFC levels in the atmosphere by 100 per cent in 2050 as compared with current levels.

It also does not control other ozone-depleting chemicals like partially halogenated CFCs as well as methyl chloroform and carbon tetrachloride. And very few concrete steps have been taken to implement Articles 5.2 and 5.3 on technology transfer

and financial aid to developing countries.

There is hardly any scientific evidence to show that ozone depletion is yet a significant problem over any single developing country. Hence, there is urgent need for more exhaustive monitoring in these areas as well as better information flows, especially on the movement of CFCs and other dangerous chemicals to them.

It is rather significant that the Soviet Union showed little enthusiasm and commitment at the Ozone Conference.

Can the Third World countries be blamed for hankering for more refrigerators, air-conditioners, etc after having been brainwashed to accept blindly the Western development model? And now the West wants them to give up the ordinary symbols of this progress?

This dilemma is yet another justification for the alternate development strategies that have been argued by environmentalists and which can only be resolved if all countries, especially those in the Third World, actually start practising sustainable development.

More technological fixes, and alternatives that use different and probably more expensive chemicals, will only exacerbate global inequities. Genuine people participation will certainly

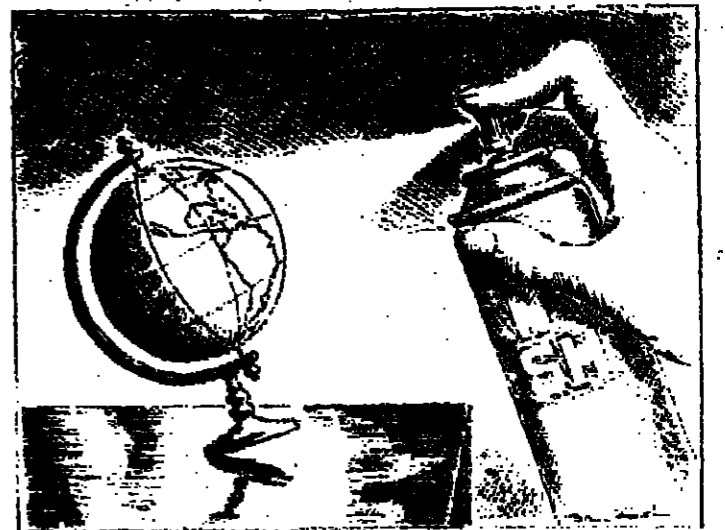
allow the evolution of not just ozone-friendly products but more positive and people-beneficial development.

There is no way that long-term solutions of ozone depletion can materialise if the wider issues of exploitation of man and nature, poverty, social and economic injustices, and human rights abuses, are not tackled head on.

What frightens concerned citizens from all countries is that this entire scare is going to produce windfall profits for the huge chemical industries of the OECD and almost no benefits for the ordinary Third World citizen.

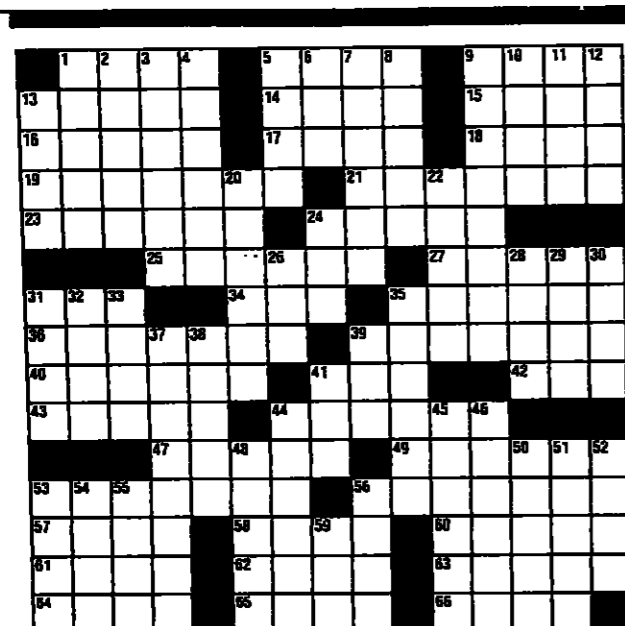
It is worth repeating the complaint of India and China at the Ozone Conference that the industrialized nations were reaping the financial benefits of CFC use and production while requiring the poorer nations to reduce their much smaller involvement with the substance. Unless there is a just resolution of this complaint, the controversy will fester on.

What has amazed and puzzled me is the haste with which the Ozone Conference was organised from such a wide range of countries to it. How come the same fervour and enthusiasm has not been forthcoming to tackle more urgent issues like the debt crisis?



Are developing countries once again being asked to make sacrifices for the global environmental destruction wreaked by industrialized countries?

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Easy gait
  - "Good queen"
  - Engage
  - Wrapping material
  - Harbinger
  - Samoa port
  - Circuit
  - Emanation
  - Brook
  - Big name in Monte Carlo
  - Item
  - To the rear
  - Baywatch attraction
  - Separate
  - Vex
  - Pouch
  - Members of an elite?
  - Playwright Arthur Wing
  - Planned undertaking
  - Hay fever, for one
  - Ruin
  - Be beholden
  - Aurora
  - The Bearys
  - Abstractions
  - Prod
  - Foam
  - Ex-king?
  - Big name in The Hague
  - Baseball family name
  - Soft drink
  - Encourage, in a way
  - Auction off
  - Algerian port
  - Sprites
  - Rotter
  - Ice seller?
  - Whitetail
- DOWN**
- Actor Lorenzo
  - Ring around the moon?
  - Hurt
  - Complete
  - Side of a ship, of old
  - Outback bird
  - Celestial being
  - Trap
  - Symbol of France
  - "Ramayana," e.g.
  - Foundation
  - Poet Teasdale
  - Lure
  - Follow
  - Where 2nd Its. are made
  - Social insect
  - Actor Richard
  - Therefore
  - Rogers and
  - Acuff
  - Whirled
  - Florence's nver
  - Musical
  - epitome
  - Satisfy
  - Symbolic
  - Englishman
  - Result
  - Reverence
  - Pindaric
  - Overlook
  - Chartered
  - Colonize
  - Bait
  - Treasure
  - Boy Scout sometimes
  - Former spouses
  - Jumble
  - Out of the wind
  - Flatfish
  - Strike sharply
  - Loiter

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SPAT CLAMP DRAB  
COME RABER RULE  
ARIA AMINO ENID  
TERMINAL GRATES  
WOES PRAM  
MASON'S SLAT CAM  
ODORS ATOMS ALE  
LOCK STEPS GRIT  
ARK POLES HEAVE  
RES AFAR CASTER  
ANTS PORT  
ESCHEW COMPUTER  
ALDO ROSE ROLE  
TINA RIVET ERAS  
SPED EDENS SENT

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
CUT THROUGH THE ENEMY LINES

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

♠ Void

♥ A J 10 8 5

♦ J 10 5 4

♣ A Q J 6

**WEST**

♠ 8 5 4 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ A Q 8 7 3

♣ 7

**EAST**

♠ A 6

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ K 6 2

♣ 9 8 3 2

**SOUTH**

♠ K Q J 10 9 7 3

♥ K

♦ 9

♣ K 10 5 4

The bidding:

South West North East

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

One of the more important developments of the recent Fall North American Championships was the formation of an organization for young bridge players. In this respect the American Contract Bridge League has trailed far behind the rest of the world. The Europeans stage regular junior international matches and they have a European Junior Championship. The 1988 Alpwater award for the best-played hand by a junior was won by a 21-year-old Scot, Alistair MacDonald.

At this vulnerability, an opening

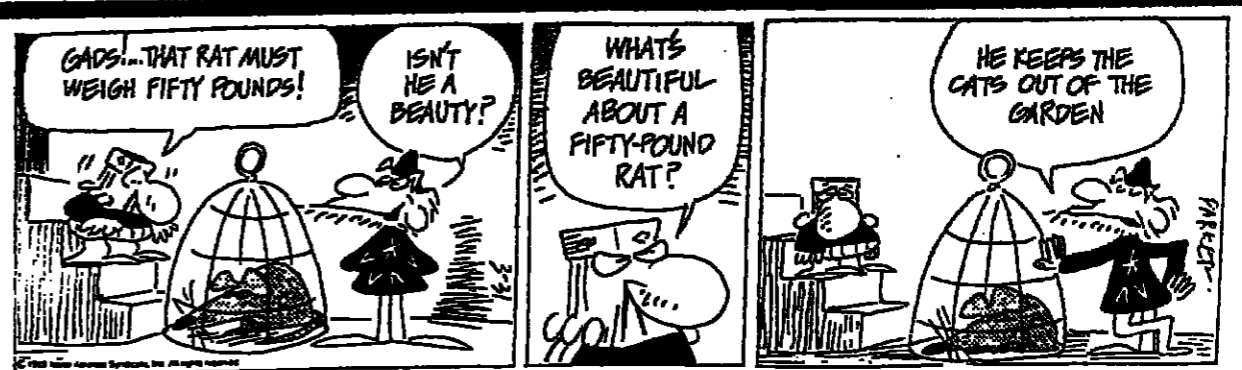
bid of four spades was an accurate description of his holding. His hand was long on offense, especially since he had a fair second suit, and short on defense.

West's lead of the seven of clubs was obviously from a short suit. Paying little heed to the warning signals, most declarers won in hand and tried to draw trumps. The defenders in the East seat were able to win the ace and then return their lowest club when giving partner a club ruff. Heeding the suit preference signal, West undered the ace of diamonds, allowing East to win the king and give his partner another ruff for down one.

MacDonald saw the threat. He won the first club trick in dummy, cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the jack. When East could not cover, declarer cut the defenders' communications by discarding his diamond loser. When East eventually gained the lead with the ace of trumps he was still able to give his partner a club ruff, but he had no entry back to his hand to allow the defense to score a second ruff. With the help of what is known in the trade as a "Scissors Coup," declarer was able to hold his losers to three—a trump, a heart and a club ruff.

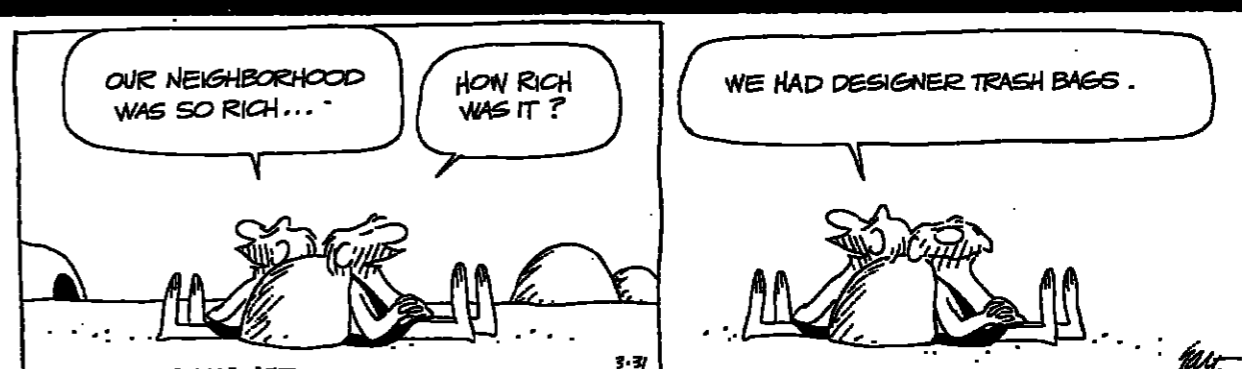
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

There will be no time to do everything you would like to do and you should make an effort to get your priorities right. You should try to see things from other persons point of view too. Try not to leave too much to chance. Be moderate.



**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

You must take care not to leave any doors or windows open, there are burglars about. You should make sure you do not dissipate your energies. Avoid becoming obsessive about your weight, just try to keep it within limits.



**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

Do not think you are much worse off than others: in some way you are, in others you are not. You will find it a little more difficult to make up your mind. Do not be afraid or too proud to ask for advice. Be sincere.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

You are liable to get into bad habits and should make an effort to avoid doing so. If you delay too long it may well be too late. Try to keep your mind away from gloomy thoughts. Be more patient.



**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

This is not a good period for you, and you will have to be on your guard and to avoid taking any undue risks. If you think you can get away with a small offence you are mistaken. Be consistent.



**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**

You should always give credit where it is due and not to try to steal other people's glory. Make sure you get regular but none too strenuous exercise. Do not try to evade your responsibilities. Be less obstinate.



**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**

There is no use crying over spilt milk, just try to make sure it does not happen again. You should avoid leaving anything to chance right now. Avoid eating anything that you well know does not always agree with you.



**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

You will not be able to escape the consequences of something you did some time ago. However, they will be less serious than they might well have been. Concentrate harder on what you are doing. Be less obvious.



**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

You should try to avoid biting off more than you can chew. You will tend to fail to recognise the difference between things that at first sight look similar. Your lucky numbers are 40 and 23.



**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**

You will be more persuasive but that does not mean you will get your way in all things. Make sure you turn off all lights and electrical devices before leaving the house. Do not leave any luggage unattended. Be resolute.



**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**

You should not underestimate the abilities of one of your rivals. Avoid doing things out of malice or malevolence. You are more liable to make mistakes so be on the lookout for them. Be less impatient.



**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

You will have something to be pleased about but there is plenty more than has to be done. You should try not just to hope for the best — if you do the worst could well happen.

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# Water wonders

Did you know that two-thirds of your body weight is made up of water? It's true. And as we lose around three and a half pints a day through sweat and in our urine, it's essential to good health that this loss is replaced. Because although you can survive for weeks—even months—without food, if you go without water it could be curtains for you within days.

ABOUT 60 per cent of the human body is water! If you squeeze out a human being like a lemon, you would obtain about 50 litres of water.

This water, which is not like ordinary water because of substances it contains, is necessary to the life of the body. About a gallon of it is in the blood vessels and is kept circulating by the heart. This blood water bathes all the cells of the body in a constant stream. The water also acts as a conductor of heat through the body.

In fact, the reason every living thing needs a certain amount of water is because the cells, the basic units that make up living things have water molecules in them. Without water these basic units would be very different and of no use to life as we know it.

The amount of water in the blood always remains the same. Even though you may feel "dried out" after exercising on a hot day, the blood vessels contain the same amount of water. And no matter how much water you drink, it remains the same.

What happens to the extra water? It is stored away in various parts of the body. These include the intestine, the liver, the muscles, and the kidneys.

## On tap

Filter tap water is cheap and readily available. But is it safe to drink?

Chlorine is used to purify the water but even so, a small amount of sewage, insecticide, industrial waste and lead from the pipes can find their way into the flow. That's why some people choose to drink purer bottled water—others just like its taste. Various brands do have their own particular flavours and connoisseurs swear they can tell the difference at one sip.

Of course, asking for a sparkling mineral water in a restaurant or bar, is incredibly trendy. That couldn't have anything to do with it, could it?



## Thirst things first

Drinking water probably sounds as boring as watching hymns on telly, but doctors recommend we swallow at least eight glasses a day.

Water is definitely the healthiest of fluids. Soft drinks are stuffed full of artificial flavourings, colourants and sugar—not the best thing for your teeth: tea and coffee contain caffeine and so are stimulants; and although milk and fresh fruit juices are nutritionally good for us, they are also high in calories. Water on the other hand, is calorie-free, has no stimulants, sugar, colourants or fats.

Drinking water is especially good for those who suffer with spots as it flushes the toxins from the system. Guzzle a glass as often as you like, but try to avoid drinking during a meal as it can cause indigestion.

Even if you drink no water during the day, you take in about a litre of water from the solid foods you eat. So when you eat fruit, vegetables, bread, and meat, you are getting water because they are from 30 to 90 per cent water. In addition, the average person takes in about two litres of water as fluids.

In the course of a day, about ten quarts of water pass back and forth inside the body between the various organs. For example, when you chew something and swallow it, you suck some saliva from the salivary glands and swallow it. In the next few moments, this water is replaced in the glands by water from the blood vessels. The swallowed water later goes from the stomach and intestine to the blood.

## Amazing facts

On the island of Euboea in the Aegean there is channel of water which mystifies scientists. The current actually reverses its direction 14 times every day.

The long-tailed fowl of Kochi, Japan, have tails more than 20 feet long.

During the Second World War a rocket fell through the roof of the British Museum, passing through a hole made by a previous rocket—both of them failed to explode when they hit the building.

Magnetic north is 1,300 miles west of the North Pole.

Ice-hockey pucks shoot across the ice at nearly 112 mph.

The sacred ibis was believed by the ancient Egyptians to be the bird that hatched the 'world egg'.

The Japanese spider crab has legs which can span over 12 feet.

In a planetarium in New York City there is a meteorite weighing over 34 tons.

Elvis Presley earned a record 37 golden discs.

The Black Death in the fourteenth century resulted in an estimated 75 million deaths.

The Potter Wasp makes a vase-like nest of clay. It then hangs the egg inside on a thread and the 'vase' is stocked with a caterpillar on which a larva will feed.

Pope Benedict IX became Pope when he was twelve, but was later expelled for vice and moral corruption.

A Park Ranger of Virginia, USA, has been struck by lightning seven times.

The train journey from Moscow to Vladivostok in the USSR is 6,000 miles long and takes nine days.

## Word search JAGGER AND CO.

ANITA	EXILE ON MAIN ST.	METAMORPHOSIS
BANNED	FANS	NEWS
BEGGAR'S BANQUET	FILM	NOTORIOUS
BETWEEN THE BUTTONS	FRENZY	
BLANCA	GOAT'S HEAD (Soup)	RICHARD (Keith)
BILL WYMAN	HITS	ROCK AND ROLL
BLACK AND BLUE	HONKY TONK (Woman)	RUMOUR
BRIAN JONES	JAGGER (Mick)	SOME GIRLS
BUSTS	JAIL	STICKY FINGERS
	JUMPING JACK FLASH	STREET FIGHTING MAN
DECEMBER'S CHILDREN	KIDS	TAYLOR (Mick)
DRUGS	LADY (Jane)	TELL (Me)
ED SULLIVAN (Show)	LET IT BLEED	TOUR
EXHIBITIONISTIC	LIVE	TRIAL
		WATTS (Charlie)
		WILD HORSES

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Clue: A Jagger movie (11 letters)

## Ha! Ha!

'How are you getting on with your football, Peter?' 'Well, Dad, pretty good. The sports master said I was one of the team's greatest drawbacks!'

At a party the old lady was bemoaning the behaviour of the youth of today. 'Look at the girl over there,' she complained, 'I don't know what young girls are coming to! She's wearing boy's jeans, a boy's shirt, and that haircut is so boyish—you wouldn't know she was a girl at all, would you?'

'Well, as it happens, I would,' came the reply, 'because she is my daughter.'

'Oh dear,' said the old lady embarrassed, 'I'm so sorry—I didn't know you were her father.'

'I'm not. I'm her mother.'

'Mum, now that I'm fifteen, can I wear lipstick and mascara and perfume and pluck my eyebrows and get my hair waved?'

'No, James, you may not.'

## Want a penpal?

DIAH Ristiani, a fourteen-year-old Indonesian student, is looking for penpals.

'I was born in Bandar Lampung, 15 December 1974. My hobby is correspondence in English. I often speak English with my mother and father and have been studying English in Palembang. I also like singing.'

If you are interested, write to:

Diah Ristiani  
Jln. Enim no. 4  
Lorok Pakjo  
Palembang—30137  
Indonesia.

# Golden crunchies

## INGREDIENTS

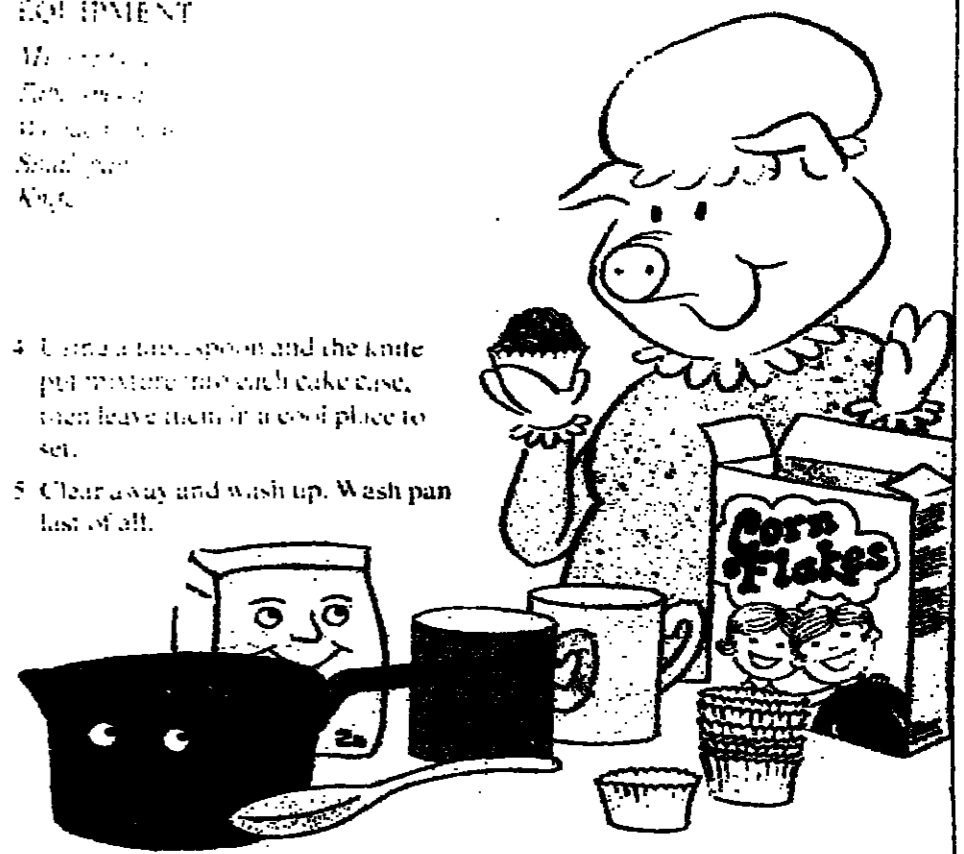
- 1 rounded tablespoonful sugar (25g or 1 oz)
- 2 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies or Cornflakes (75g or 3 oz)
- 25g (1 oz) margarine
- 2 rounded tablespoonfuls golden syrup
- 30 paper cake cases

## EQUIPMENT

- Mixing bowl
- Rolling pin
- Rolling pin
- Small pan
- Knife

- Spread cake cases out on a work top.
- Put Rice Krispies into mixing bowl. Place margarine, sugar and golden syrup in the pan, place on top of the cooker and heat very gently, stirring with wooden spoon until the margarine, sugar and golden syrup have melted together. Boil for 1 minute. Remove from heat.
- Pour melted mixture into Rice Krispies, and stir gently until they are all coated. When pan is empty, fill it with cold water.

- Roll a tablespoon and the knife put mixture into each cake case, then leave them in a cool place to set.
- Clear away and wash up. Wash pan last of all.



## Firsts and lasts

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The "chester" and "caster" that you find at the end of many town's names in England, such as Lancaster, Chester and Manchester, comes from the Roman word for a camp, "castra."

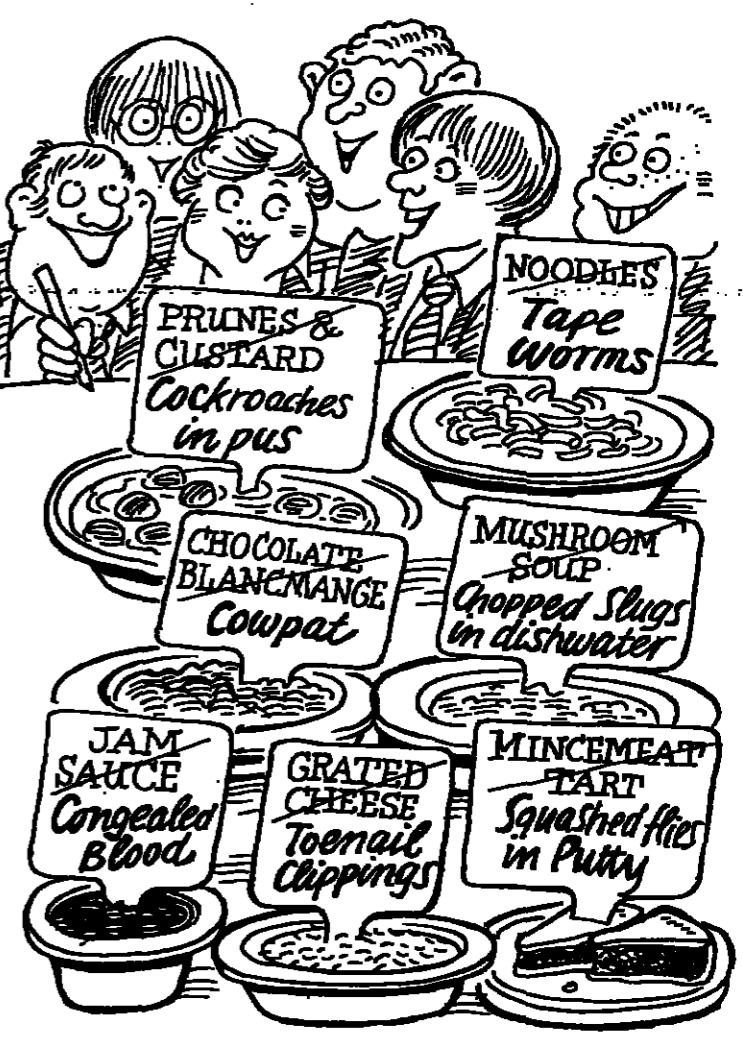
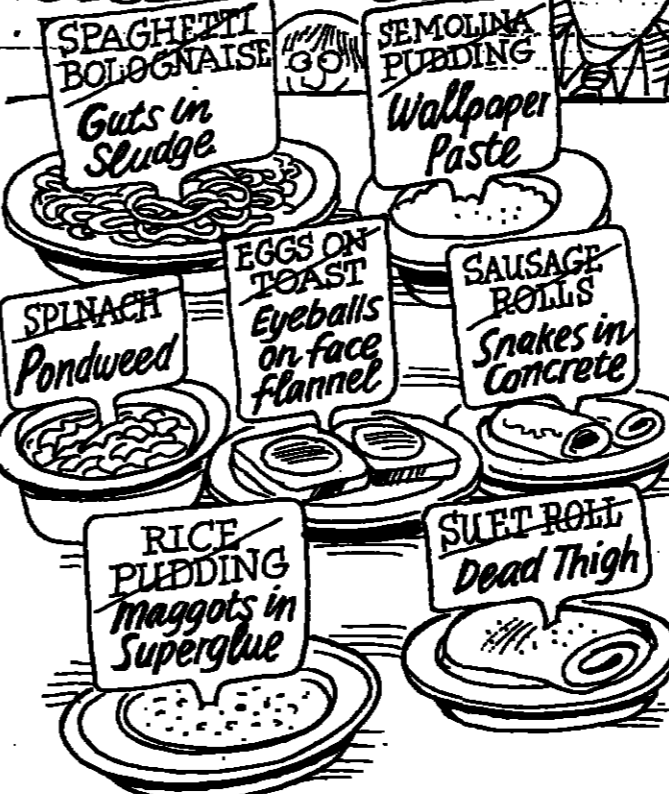
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Constantine  
Churchill  
14 years

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SPORTS

# Edberg tames Lendl for Japan Open title

TOKYO, April 24, (AP)—Stefan Edberg, scoring with deep volleys and strong serve returns, beat Ivan Lendl 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 today for the men's singles title of the Japan Open tennis championships.

"Since last year, I have struggled with a lot of injuries and had a tough time. I worked hard and finally it paid off, so I am very happy," Edberg said after winning the title, worth \$122,250.

Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, received \$61,125 out of the total purse of \$627,500.

The men's singles final, originally scheduled yesterday was delayed by rain.

Edberg, seeded second in the Tokyo tournament and ranked fifth in the world, seized the lead at the start, breaking Lendl's service in the second game on the hard court of the Ariake Coliseum.

Lendl was in trouble again in the sixth game, but rallied from love-40 and kept service after three deuces. But he was unable to break back in the first set.

Lendl started the second set with an ace and finally broke Edberg for the first time in the second game. He broke again in the eighth with a passing shot and then a backhand cross court winner on set point.

The deciding set went to 4-4 before Edberg scored the decisive break, yielding only one point on Lendl's serve.

Lendl survived one match point at 40-15 in the 10th game by firing a lightning passing shot, but Edberg wrapped up the 2-hour, 7-minute match with a forehand volley.

Edberg, from Sweden, jumped joyfully into the air after his first Grand Prix victory since the Swiss Indoor Championship at Basle last Oct 7. He is 5-8 against Lendl.

Lendl, a Czechoslovak who now lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, said both finalists "played very well. Stefan took advantage of the court, which is favourable to the aggressive or attacking player. He hit deep volleys and made nice serve returns."

Lendl regained his world No. 1 ranking on Jan 30, 1989, with a victory in the Australian Open.

Women's singles runner-up Elizabeth Smylie of Australia and Canadian Jill Hetherington defeated the US pair of Ann Henricksson and Beth Herr 6-1, 6-2 for the women's doubles title.

In an all-US men's doubles final, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso beat David Pate and Kevin Curren 7-6 (13-11), 7-6 (7-5).

Japan's Kumiko Okamoto beat Smylie 6-4, 6-2 for the women's singles title on Saturday.

# Martinez stuns Sabatini

World No. 3 defeated in final



Martinez raises her arms in victory.

LARGO, Florida, April 24, (Reuters)—Conchita Martinez, who did not have a world ranking a year ago, scored the biggest victory of her life, upsetting top seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina 6-3, 6-2 to win the \$200,000 Tampa Women's Open yesterday.

Martinez, a 17-year-old from Spain, was the tournament's eighth seed. Her only previous tournament championships were in satellite events. She did not lose a set during the tournament and dropped only 15 games in her five matches.

Martinez said she felt confident about her chances, even though Sabatini had won their only previous meeting, a three-set victory in last January's Australian Open.

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"Winning this tournament was very, very important to me," said Martinez, now ranked 25th in the world. "Now, when I am against the top players, I think I can win those matches."

Martinez said she felt Sabatini was tired during yesterday's match. Sabatini, though, said she felt fine physically. But after a three-set victory over top-ranked Steffi Graf last Sunday, Sabatini said she was suffering from some mental fatigue.

"I was not strong mentally," said Sabatini, the third ranked player in the world, who had won 16 consecutive matches. "My mind was not on the tournament. I was just trying to relax. I was just trying to beat a player like Steffi, then play again the next week."

Martinez was in control from the start. Sabatini was broken in each of her first three service games, while Martinez held a 5-2 lead. Sabatini then held her serve, and Martinez struggled to clinch the set. Martinez had three set points, but made errors on each one. Then, on Martinez' fourth opportunity to win the set, Sabatini's forehand shot sailed long.

"I just made too many mistakes," Sabatini said. "She was moving the ball. I was doing nothing. I let her take control of the match."

Martinez maintained that control throughout the second set. Sabatini mounted a brief threat when she broke Martinez in the sixth game to pull within 4-2. Sabatini was serving with an opportunity to cut Martinez' lead to one game, then Martinez picked up her game.

Martinez broke Sabatini in the seventh game, ignited by two of her stronger points of the match. With Sabatini charging to the net on the first point, Martinez answered with a forehand passing shot. Then, after a Sabatini backhand error Martinez lunged to the net and delivered a perfectly placed forehand volley winner.

Martinez built a 0-40 lead in the game, then registered the break when Sabatini's dropshot attempt floated wide.

Now Martinez was serving for the match. She needed four match points to wrap it up. She ended the match on a soft overhead shot to an open court.

"It was a little nervous at the end," Martinez said.

## King defeats Adams on first playoff hole

ST PETERSBURG, Fla., April 24, (Reuters)—American Betsy King fought back from four strokes down to win her third LPGA title this year by defeating compatriot Lynn Adams on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff at the \$250,000 St. Petersburg women's golf tournament yesterday.

King shot a six-under-par 66 to put her at 13-under-par 275 after four rounds. She then watched as Adams, who led the pack going into yesterday's final round, shot a 70 to tie.

Adams said she knew "it would take a great score to beat me today."

It appeared Adams might lose the tournament on the par-four 18th hole when she sent her approach shot into the bunker. But she splashed out to eight feet and holed the putt to save par.

Using the 18th as the first playoff hole, both players hit good drives. Adams hit a five-iron to within 25 feet and King hit a five-iron to 12 feet.

Putting first, Adams' effort stopped two inches short of the hole. King, putting on the same line where she had missed a birdie putt from eight feet just 30 minutes earlier, stroked the ball into the hole.

"I knew when I set out today that I probably would need to shoot a score like 65 to get in the hunt," King said. "It was easier for me to be aggressive with my play not being in the last group. I was not protecting anything and could go for the birdies."

Adams said: "Betsy shot a great round of golf today. I feel that I played pretty well. Nothing bothered me. I did not even watch the scoreboard today."

## US retain Chrysler Cup

SARASOTA, Florida, April 24, (AP)—The United States team has won its second straight Chrysler Cup, with strong performances by Dave Hill and Chi Chi Rodriguez.

Dave Hill shot a 66 and Chi Chi Rodriguez fired a 68 yesterday, the last day of competition against the international team.

The four-day, 72-hole, individual stroke-play tournament was a fight for 100 total points, of which the United States took 71.

## Green wins Greensboro Open

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 24, (Reuters)—American Ken Green came back to wipe away a bad memory from a year ago to win the one-million dollar Greater Greensboro Open golf tournament by two strokes over John Huston yesterday.

Green, 30, shot a final round of even-par 72 for a total of 11-under-par 277. It was his fifth victory on the Tour—and third in the last eight months.

Green's triumph was worth \$180,000 and increased his earnings for the year to 261,925.

Huston had his best-ever finish in an individual event as his score of 72 yesterday gave him a nine-under-par 279. He won 108,000. He won 108,000. Ed

Fiori was alone in third place at seven-under-par 281 and Dave Eichelberger finished fifth at 282.

Greg Norman made a fine comeback yesterday with a closing round of 68 and he moved into a three-way tie for sixth place with Mike Sullivan and Jim Booros at 283.

A year ago, Green appeared to have this event won. All he needed was a two putt on the last green to beat Sandy Lyle of Britain by one stroke. Instead, he three putted and Lyle won the playoff with a birdie on the first extra hole.

"This probably is the most gratifying of all my wins," he said, "because of what happened last year. I came back and beat it

(the course) up. It's a great feeling."

Green held a five-stroke lead through 15 holes with four birdies and a lone bogey to that point, but he said he "fell asleep" on the 16th. He hit a poor drive, blasted out and two putted for a double bogey six.

"I knew if I could hit a good shot at 17," he said, "it would be all over. He did and parred it. A bogey at the final hole turned out to be meaningless."

Huston was two strokes behind Green when the round started and he had two bogeys and two birdies on the front side. He parred them all through the incoming nine.

## Ballesteros scores one-shot victory

Clark criticises Spanish star

MADRID, April 24, (Reuters)—Severiano Ballesteros was accused of intimidation by Britain's Howard Clark after the Spanish star beat him by one stroke to win the Madrid Open golf championship at Puerta de Hierro on yesterday.

Ballesteros finished with a 69 for a 16-under-par total of 272 and a winner's prize of £37,500 (\$63,750). Clark shot 70 for 273 and £25,000 (\$42,500).

But it was not simply losing that upset Clark. Three times a winner in Madrid. He said afterwards: "I didn't enjoy playing with Seve. He's a super player and I love watching him but he tried to intimidate me."

"He was stalking around the greens when I was putting. Funny enough, I usually holed when he did it."

"He was not very gracious with his praise when I hit a good shot. Maybe he doesn't like me or thought he was going to lose."

Ballesteros responded with astonishment. "It's incredible and it makes me very sad because I have nothing against Howard. He is a very good player."

"I was walking around reading the greens so I would be ready to putt when it was my turn. The best way to keep your concentration is not to watch your partner and Howard must learn that."

When Clark won the title in 1984 and 1986, Ballesteros came to the last on each occasion two behind the Briton.

This time it was Clark who needed an eagle to tie after his

birdie at the 16th had been cancelled out by a two from Ballesteros at the 17th. The best he could manage was a 25-foot birdie putt.

But Clark's finish still represented a major upturn in his fortunes this year. He went into the event in 44th place on the European money list after being disqualified in the Cannes Open for failing to sign for a first round 79.

He now lies 11th in the table behind Britain's Mark James, whose joint ninth-place finish in Madrid pushed his total earnings at the top of the list to £72,434 (\$123,136).

**Moved**

Ballesteros, who won the British Open and six other titles around the world last year, moved into ninth place in the table with £38,340 pounds (\$65,178).

Irishman Philip Walton, who closed with a 68, was third to equal his best previous finish in the Monte Carlo Open. Fourth-placed Swede Mats Lanner had six birdies in a 68 to edge on ahead of defending champion Derrick Cooper of Britain.

Australian Roger Davis was never over par in a closing 68 to share seventh place on 279 with Swede Magnus Persson (70).

Vicente Fernandez was out in 33 but the little Argentine took six at the last for a 70 to end joint 26th on 283 in a group which also included American Calvin Peete on 71.



Ballesteros reacts after winning the title.



Part of the 32,000 runners pass by the Cutty Sark clipper at Greenwich on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Jansher and Dittmar reach quarterfinals

PARIS, April 24, (Reuters)—Pakistan's Jansher Khan despatched young Briton Chris Walker in three short games yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the Paris Open squash tournament.

The world number two, top seed in the absence of compatriot Jahangir Khan, won 9-3, 9-4, 9-1 to dispel all recent doubts about his fitness.

Australia's Chris Dittmar, Jansher's main rival in the \$60,000 event, also won in straight games. He beat fellow-countryman Tristan Nancarrow 9-7, 9-0, 9-3.

**Unpredictable**

Nancarrow fought all the way, driving hard and producing unpredictable drop shots from his repertoire.

The day's upset came with the elimination of number three seed Ross Norman of New Zealand, who lost in five games to Pakistan's Zarak Jahan Khan. The Pakistani is ranked 10 places below him at number 14.

New Zealander Rory Watt became the only qualifier to reach the last eight when he beat Briton Daniel Meddings 7-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-5.

## Wakiihuri uses Japanese methods to win marathon

LONDON, April 24, (Reuters)—World marathon champion Douglas Wakiihuri enjoyed a traditional Japanese rice breakfast yesterday.

A few hours later the 25-year-old Kenyan calmly outclassed the best field ever assembled in Britain to win the ninth London marathon in a personal best two hours nine minutes and three seconds.

Wakiihuri's most striking attribute yesterday was his composure, a legacy both of his studies in Buddhist philosophy and the training methods he has adopted since moving to Japan six years ago.

Born in Mombasa and brought up in Nairobi, Wakiihuri was heavily influenced as a teenager by Shumichi Kobayashi, a Japanese writer based in Kenya.

Kobayashi inspired the young Kenyan with his stories about Japanese marathon training, based on a balance of physical and mental commitment.

Fired with the desire to become a world class marathon runner, Wakiihuri wrote to Kiyooshi Nakamura, coach of Japan's most successful marathon runner Toshihiko Seko, and in 1983 he went to Japan to live and train.

Nakamura died in 1985 but Wakiihuri was by then committed to living in Japan. In the following year he ran his first marathon, clocking 2:13:34 in his first attempt at the 42.195 kms distance.

In 1987 Wakiihuri, a stranger to even his own teammates, astonished the athletics world when he won the World Championship marathon in Rome by 42 seconds.

Last year he demonstrated that Rome had been no fluke when he finished second to Italian Gelindo Bordin in the Seoul Olympics.

Yesterday's event was only Wakiihuri's fifth marathon, but the Kenyan ran with total control, making light work of challenges from Djibouti's Ahmed Salah and Australian Steve Monaghan.

"He always looks in complete control. Unfortunately, that's why he always beats me," second-placed Monaghan said.

Wakiihuri, however, said he did not feel confident about winning until the last few kilometres.

"Who was behind me was the most troublesome thing in my mind. I knew at that stage that the race would be very tough," he said.

"It wasn't the easiest marathon I have raced. But the weather conditions were ideal and I was always confident in the last few miles."

## Celtics thrash Hornets

Abdul-Jabbar retires

NEW YORK, April 24, (AP)—Rookie Kevin Gamble, starting his sixth National Basketball Association game, scored 23 of his career-high 31 points in the second half as the Boston Celtics beat the Charlotte Hornets 120-110 yesterday to clinch a playoff berth.

Boston, 42-40, needed a victory or a Washington loss at Philadelphia to edge the Bullets for the final Eastern Conference spot. They got both—Washington lost and finished the season 40-42.

The Celtics, who broke a three-game losing streak, play at Detroit Friday night in the opener of the best-of-five series. Boston didn't beat a winning team on the road all season and the Pistons have the League's best record.

Kevin McHale scored 28 points and Reggie Lewis 17 for the Celtics, who were in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time since 1978-79. The Hornets, who ended their first season with a 20-62 record, were led by Kelly Tripucka with 28 points.

Meanwhile, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar made the 25th and final stop on his retirement tour yesterday—at the home of the Los Angeles Lakers—and received a Rolls Royce from his teammates and a tennis court from the Lakers' owner.

In addition, Inglewood Mayor Ed Vincent announced that the name of a street bordering the east parking lot of the team's home court—the Forum—that

was previously known as Forum Way, has been changed to Kareem Court.

The 45-minute retirement ceremony took place just before the Lakers beat the Seattle SuperSonics 121-117 in the final regular-season game of Abdul-Jabbar's 20-year NBA career.

**Results**

Boston	120	Charlotte	110
Cleveland	90	Chicago	84
Philadelphia	115	Washington	106
Detroit	99	Atlanta	81
LA Lakers	121	Seattle	117
Dallas	113	Denver	96
Portland	126	Sacramento	120

**Standings**

Eastern Conference			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	51	30	.630
Philadelphia	45	36	.556
Boston	42	40	.512
Washington	40	41	.494
LA Lakers	35	35	.500
Charlotte	20	62	.244
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	63	19	.766
Cleveland	57	25	.693
Atlanta	52	30	.634
Milwaukee	49	32	.605
Chicago	47	35	.573
Indiana	27	54	.333
Western Conference			
Midwest Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Utah	30	31	.494
Houston	45	36	.556
Denver	44	38	.539
Dallas	38	44	.463
San Antonio	21	60	.259
Miami	14	67	.173
Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct.
LA Lakers	57	25	.693
Phoenix	54	27	.667
Seattle	47	35	.573
Golden State	43	38	.531
Portland	39	43	.476
Sacramento	27	55	.329
LA Clippers	21	60	.259

## Liverpool fans weep for victims

LIVERPOOL, England, April 24, (Reuters)—Thousands of soccer fans broke down in tears at Liverpool's Anfield stadium yesterday at a religious service to the memory of the 95 victims of Britain's worst sports disaster.

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish and his players gathered inside the ground for the service of blessing conducted by the city's Roman Catholic archbishop, Derek Warlock.

Many fans and relatives of the victims wept uncontrollably as they linked arms and sang the Liverpool anthem "You'll never walk alone."

Over the past week Liverpool supporters and other mourners have turned Anfield stadium into a shrine to the dead.

A sea of scarves and flowers covered almost a third of the playing area in front of the famous "Kop" terrace where the club's fans stand to cheer their heroes.

"You have made what could have been a sombre graveyard into a beautiful Easter garden," Warlock said.

Club officials said a single flower for each of the fans who died would be thrown into the River Mersey, which runs through Liverpool.

Liverpool Football Club marked the end of a week of mourning when it closed the gates of the stadium after the service yesterday evening.

Club officials estimated that more than one million people had filed into the ground to pay their respects in the eight days since the tragedy struck at Sheffield's Hillsborough stadium at a match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

Liverpool fans would be asked what should be done with the thousand scarves and other tributes while the club was planning a more permanent memorial to the dead.

The queue to enter the ground stretched for two miles (three kilometres) yesterday morning and police said up to 20,000 people an hour were passing through the stadium.

## Nicol pulls out of World Cup qualifying game

GLASGOW, Scotland, April 24, (Reuters)—Liverpool defender Steve Nicol has pulled out of Scotland's World Cup soccer qualifier against Cyprus next Wednesday following the Hillsborough disaster.

His injured Liverpool teammate Gary Gillespie and Rangers' Iain Ferguson have also withdrawn from the home game because of injury.

Coach Andy Roxburgh said Nicol was under considerable stress after playing in the FA Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest eight days ago at which 95 spectators were crushed to death.

He said: "I quite understand it. Steve told me it would not be fair on himself, the international team or the people of Liverpool if he had come for this match."

"He is very much involved and has been asked to attend a number of funerals this week."

Liverpool winger John Barnes will also miss England's World Cup soccer qualifying match against Albania next Wednesday in order to attend the funerals of some of the fans.

Barnes told England manager Bobby Robson his promise to attend funerals had to take priority over the European Group Two qualifier.

"I have made certain promises to people that I feel I cannot break under the circumstances," Barnes said. "I hope Bobby Robson understands my predicament."

Barnes' Liverpool colleague Steve McMahon will join the England squad after attending the funeral of a friend today.

Peter Beardsley, another Liverpool player, will also be available for the match.

## Ethiopians seek political asylum

CAIRO, April 24, (Reuters)—Six members of Ethiopia's soccer team sought political asylum in Egypt yesterday, a United Nations official said.

"They have asked for political asylum and their cases are under discussion by the Egyptian government," said Abdel Mawia El Solhi, the representative of the UN High Commission for Refugees in Cairo.

Egyptian officials were not immediately available for comment and a US embassy official could not confirm a report that the six players had sought asylum there.

"If someone comes to us for asylum, we don't make that a public matter, a US spokesman said."

Egypt beat Ethiopia 6-1 on Friday in the African Nations Cup soccer tournament.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## E. German squad

EAST BERLIN, April 24, (Reuters): Injury has forced East German trainer Manfred Zapf to bring two more new players into his squad for Wednesday's World Cup, European Group Three soccer qualifier against the Soviet Union in Kiev.

## Kenya win

NAIROBI, April 24, (Reuters): Kenya beat Sudan in a penalty shootout yesterday after their Africa Nations' Cup first-round tie ended 1-1 on aggregate.

## African Cup

ABIDJAN, April 24, (Reuters): Ivory Coast beat Angola 4-1 (halftime 2-1) yesterday for a 6-1 aggregate victory in an African Nations' Cup preliminary tie.

## Mali triumph

RABAT, April 24, (Reuters): Mali eliminated Morocco from the Africa Nations' Cup soccer last night after a 1-1 draw in a second leg match in the southern city of Marrakesh.

## Graeme Hick

LONDON, April 24, (Reuters): Zimbabwe-born batsman Graeme Hick has not yet decided which state to play for in the next Australian season.

## Stanley Cup

NEW YORK, April 24, (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) Stanley Cup playoff games yesterday: Wales Conference: Adams Division finals: Boston Bruins 3 Montreal Canadiens 2; (Canadians lead best-of-seven series, 3-1); Patrick Division finals: Philadelphia Flyers 4 Pittsburgh Penguins 1; (Best-of-seven series tied 2-2).

## US diving

BOCA RATON, Florida, April 24, (Reuters): Wendy Wyland won her first national title in five years by edging defending champion Wendy Lian Williams in the 10-metre platform finals at the US Diving Championships yesterday.

## Motocross event

CORTELEX, Portugal, April 24, (Reuters): Alessandro Puzar of Italy won the third race of the 125cc motocross world championship in this southern Portuguese town yesterday.

## European classic

ROME, April 24, (Reuters): Miss Secreti won the first European horse racing classic of the year yesterday with a comfortable win in the Premio Regina Elena over a mile at Capannelle.

## Solid victory

PARIS, April 24, (Reuters): Along All advanced his Epsom Derby claims with a solid victory on his reappearance in yesterday's Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp.

## Austrian round

SCHWANENSTADT, Austria, April 24, (Reuters): Briton David Thorpe confirmed that his French Grand Prix win last weekend was no fluke when he swept to victory in both legs of the Austrian round of the 500cc motocross world championship yesterday.

## Ben Johnson

BARCELONA, Spain, April 24, (AP): Ben Johnson would be welcomed to compete in the 1992 Olympics even though he was caught using steroids at the Games in Seoul last summer, the head of the International Olympic Committee said yesterday.

## Wolke wins

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, April 24, (UPI): Bob Wolke, driving with John Andretti, bumped his way past Price Cobb with 45 minutes left yesterday and went on to win the Grand Prix of Palm Beach.

## 500 Nascar

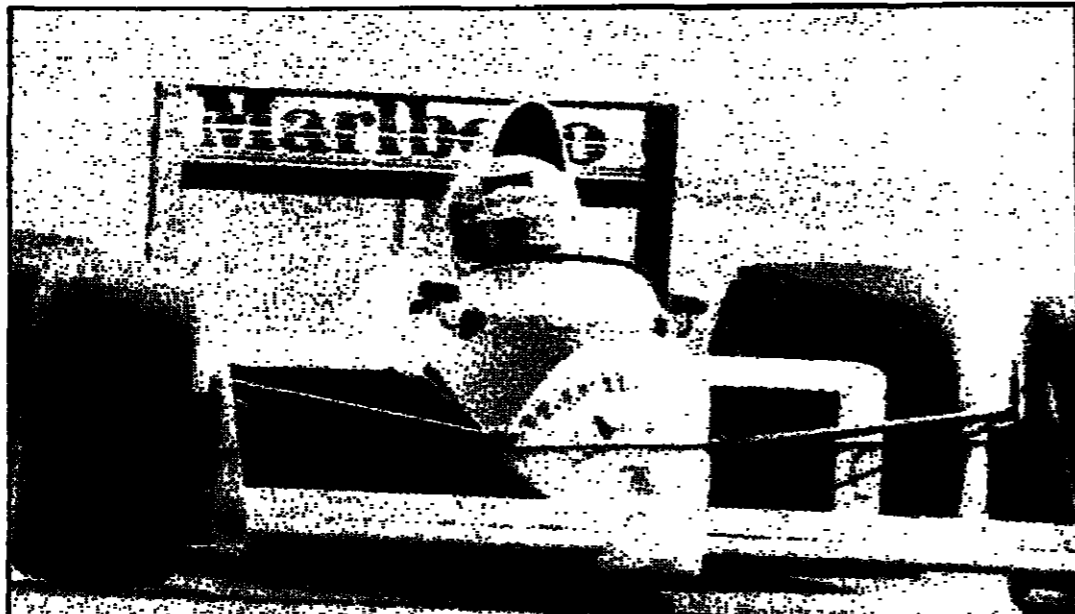
MARTINSVILLE, Virginia, April 24, (UPI): Darrell Waltrip used a quick pit stop with 60 laps remaining yesterday to capture the Pannell-Sweet 500 Nascar race at Martinsville Speedway.

## Balloon race

PALM SPRINGS, California, April 24, (UPI): Two of the four multi-colored helium balloons that lifted off shortly after dawn yesterday in the Gordon Bennett balloon distance race dropped out before nightfall, organisers said.

## Lees triumphs

SUGO, Japan, April 24, (UPI): Geoff Lees of Britain drove his Kawai 89CC Mugen to victory yesterday in the second leg of the All-Japan Grand Championship Automobile race.



Senna in action during the final stages of the race. (Reuters wirephoto)



Berger lies on a stretcher on his arrival at the hospital. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Senna wins crash-marred San Marino GP

Berger suffers multiple burns

IMOLA, Italy, April 24, (Reuters): Austrian racing driver Gerhard Berger was in hospital last night suffering from serious burns and other injuries after a high-speed crash in the San Marino Grand Prix won by world champion Ayrton Senna yesterday.

Brazilian Senna was at his brilliant best but he was in no mood to celebrate the 15th triumph of his Formula One career because of Berger's dreadful accident.

With only three laps completed, Berger's Ferrari suddenly rocketed straight off the circuit at the 275 kph, left-hand Tamborello curve. The car slammed head-on into a barrier, broke up as it spun wildly alongside it then turned into

a fireball as about 200 litres of fuel erupted. The Austrian was trapped inside.

Within 30 seconds trackside fire-fighting crews had extinguished the blaze and a medical team removed Berger from the wreckage.

After emergency medical treatment at the circuit Berger was taken to hospital in Bologna. A hospital statement later said he had suffered various first, second and third degree burns to his back, chest, arms and hands. He also suffered broken ribs, a fractured shoulder, concussion and shock but had remained conscious throughout his ordeal and was in a stable condition.

The cause of the accident was not immediately known.

Senna, driving with all his customary concentration and determination, had led the race before the crash. After a 45-minute delay before the re-start, he duly completed a commanding victory ahead of his McLaren team-mate Alain Prost of France.

The champion paid tribute to the work of the safety marshalls who went to Berger's aid as soon as his car went out of control. "They were very quick to get to him and to put the fire out," he said.

Senna finished more than 40 seconds ahead of Prost, whose attempts to catch him were foiled when he spun off on the 46th lap.

The McLaren one-two was a replica of last year's race. The pair exchanged lap

records and lapped all their rivals on the renamed Enzo and Dino Ferrari circuit.

A record crowd went to the race, attracted by Briton Nigel Mansell's superb debut win for Ferrari in Brazil last month. They fell silent when Berger crashed then watched new-found hero Mansell coast to a halt after 23 laps with gearbox trouble. He was running third after courageously deciding to participate in the re-run race.

Mansell left the circuit without any comment, leaving Italian Alessandro Nannini to fill third place in a Benetton.

Only half the 24-car grid starters were adjudged finishers in a race in which there were further crashes involving Italians Stefano Modena in a Brabham

and Nicola Larini in an Osella. Both were lucky to escape unhurt when their cars were severely damaged after hitting the barriers.

Prost, who set the definitive track record when he was chasing Senna hard, left in an angry and silent mood.

Race officials later disqualified Williams driver Thierry Boutsen of Belgium from fourth place and Italian Alex Caffi and his Dallara from seventh position.

The decision promoted Britons Derek Warwick, in an Arrows, and Jonathan Palmer, in a Tyrrell, to fourth and fifth respectively and eight-placed Italian Gabriele Tarquini, in his first drive for AGS, to sixth.

## Murphy lifts Atlanta over San Diego

Pirates overcome Phillies

ATLANTA, April 24, (AP): Dale Murphy had the second six-RBI game of his career, hitting a two-run homer in the third inning, a two-run single in the sixth and a two-run double in the eighth yesterday to lead Atlanta past San Diego 9-4.

Murphy has nine RBIs in the last three games — all against San Diego. He's boosted his batting average from .136 to .194, getting six hits in 13 at-bats over that span.

Murphy's previous six-RBI game was on July 12, 1978, against San Francisco.

Tom Glavine, 3-0, allowed eight hits in 6-2/3 innings, struck out four and walked two.

Atlanta scored three runs in the first off Dennis Rasmussen, 1-3. Gerald Perry hit a two-run homer, his third homer of the season, and Jeff Treadway hit a run-scoring single.

**Pirates 6, Phillies 4**  
Bobby Bonilla's two-run homer in the eighth inning capped Pittsburgh's rally from a four-run deficit and Logan Easley won his first game since April 20, 1987.

Philadelphia led 4-0 — all on unearned runs — before Pittsburgh scored three runs in the sixth and three in the eighth.

Singles by pinch-hitter John Cangelosi, Jose Lind and R.J. Reynolds in the sixth scored a

run and chased starter Larry McWilliams.

Ricky Jordan misplayed Bonilla's grounder to first, allowing a second run to score and Barry Bonds followed with a run-scoring groundout.

Gary Redus singled off Mike Maddux to open the eighth. Jose Lind sacrificed and R.J. Reynolds hit a game-tying double off Steve Bedrosian, 1-2. Bonilla, who hit 24 homers last year, followed with his first home run of the season.

**Expos 9, Cardinals 3**  
Spike Owen had three hits and drove in three runs and Hubie Brooks homered as the Expos snapped a three-game losing

streak. Montreal, which had been held to four runs by St Louis in the previous three games, had 15 hits off five Cardinals' pitchers, including four doubles and two triples.

Results	
American League	National League
Kansas City 10 Boston 0	Pittsburgh 6 Philadelphia 4
New York 5 Cleveland 0	Houston 5 Cincinnati 1
Texas 11 Toronto 1	New York 4 Chicago 2
Detroit 11 Milwaukee 3	Montreal 9 San Diego 4
Oakland 2 California 0	Los Angeles 7 San Francisco 6
Seattle 10 Chicago 6	
Baltimore 3 Minnesota 0	

## Policeman replaces Nebiolo

FLORENCE, Italy, April 24, (Reuters): Italy's Athletics Federation FIDAL yesterday elected a lieutenant-colonel in the finance police to succeed former president Primo Nebiolo who resigned in January after a series of damaging scandals.

Gianni Gola, 42, won more than 75 per cent of the votes at an extraordinary meeting in Florence and said his aim was to "avoid every possible centralisation of authority."

Gola began his athletics career in 1961 as a shot putter. Two

years later he switched to discus and then the hammer, becoming Italian junior champion in the latter discipline.

He gave up competitive athletics at the age of 19 to enter the finance police.

Nebiolo, a Turin lawyer, quit FIDAL after 20 years at the helm but remains president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Pressure on him to step down mounted a year ago after the Italian Olympic Committee found officials had rigged a long

jump result at the 1987 Rome World Championships which resulted in Italian Giovanni Evangelista wrongly being awarded the bronze medal.

Nebiolo, 65, was not implicated but one of his close aides resigned.

However, Nebiolo is currently being investigated on suspicion of forgery and pursuing private interests in office in connection with a contract awarded by FIDAL to an Italian sports promotion agency.

## Auriol takes early lead

AJACCIO, April 24, (Reuters): Frenchman Didier Auriol, in a Lancia, took an early lead on the first day of the Corsica Motor Rally yesterday in the face of stiffer-than-expected competition from compatriot Francois Chatriot.

Despite a demonstration by about 10,000 striking Corsican public workers, union leaders appeared to be keeping their pledge that the rally would not be affected by the nine-week-old protest on the island.

## Sidhu hammers Jamaica for 286

Indians slaughter weak attack

KINGSTON, April 24, (Reuters): Navjot Sidhu hit a career-best 286 as India slaughtered a weak Jamaican attack before being all out for 586 shortly before tea yesterday on the second day of their four-day cricket match.

In reply the Jamaicans made 70 for two from 37 overs.

Sidhu, on 173 overnight with an Indian score of 367 for four, batted for nine-and-a-half hours and hit 27 fours and two straight sixes off spinners Nehemiah Perry and Carlton Carter.

Tired and suffering from cramp, he was ninth out when he hit a full toss from Steve Gordon straight back to him.

Sidhu was helped by the easy-paced pitch and the weakness of an opposition missing Michael Holding, Patrick Patterson, Courtney Walsh and Aaron Daley.

Sidhu batted through the morning session with Ajay Sharma, who managed to reach his first fifty of the tour.

The 118-run partnership in 32 overs ended soon after lunch when Sharma became the first first-class victim of 16-year-old left-arm spinner Carter.

Carter, showing more promise



Sidhu: in brilliant form

than control in his 35 overs which cost 129, later picked up a second wicket when Sanjeev Sharma skied him to extra cover.

Before this dismissal Jamaican captain Marion Tucker, an off-

spinner, had had both Robin Singh and wicketkeeper Syed Karim lbw.

After India had slumped from 504 for 5 to 517 for 8, Margasa-

haya Venkataramana helped

add 51 in 35 minutes for the ninth wicket.

### Scoreboard

INDIA first innings (overnight 367 for four)

N. Sidhu c and b Carter	286
W. Raman b Gordon	5
S. Manjrekar run out	57
M. Azharuddin b Perry	1
D. Venkataramana c Davidson	1
b Bennett	111
A. Sharma c Morgan b Carter	57
S. Karim lbw b Tucker	10
S. Karim lbw b Tucker	2
C. Sharma c Bennett b Carter	15
M. Venkataramana not out	7
N. Hirwani lbw b Perry	11
Extras (b-2, lb-3, nb-15)	24
Total	586

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-125, 3-129, 4-367, 5-485, 6-504, 7-508, 8-517, 9-568.

Bowling: Bennett 19-2-81-1 (nb6), Gordon 22-2-103-2 (nb10), Davidson 7-0-27-0 (nb1), Perry 37-3-6-110-2, Tucker 34-2-115-2, Carter 35-3-129-2, Neils 4-1-16-0 (nb2).

JAMAICA first innings

D. Lewis c Sidhu b Sharma	0
M. Morgan c Raman b Hirwani	19
J. Adams not out	32
R. Samuels not out	14
Extras (b-1, lb-3, nb-1)	5
Total (for 2 wickets)	70

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-40.

Bowling: C. Sharma 3-0-7-1, R. Singh 5-0-21-0 (nb1), Venkataramana 13-4-0-0, Raman 1-1-0-0, Hirwani 12-1-26-1, Manjrekar 3-2-3-0.

## Cowboys pick Aikman, Packers tap Mandarich

NEW YORK, April 24, (Reuters): The Dallas Cowboys, picking first because they had the worst record last season, officially chose quarterback Troy Aikman in the National Football League's (NFL) 54th annual draft of college football players yesterday.

The Cowboys, 3-13 last season, already had signed Aikman — from the University of California at Los Angeles — to a six-year, 11-million-dollar contract last week. They hope he will be able to replace ageing quarterback Danny White this year.

The Green Bay Packers, picking second, chose 6'6" (2.01 metres), 315-pound (142.8 kg)

Canadian-born offensive tackle Tony Mandarich, 22, of Michigan state, who is labelled by many the best player in the draft.

The Detroit Lions, up third, selected Barry Sanders, the running back from Oklahoma state who won the Heisman Trophy as the nation's best college player last season. Sanders set 18 collegiate records last year and rushed for more than 300 yards three times.

The Atlanta Falcons, picking fifth, took the fastest player in the draft, Florida state cornerback Deion Sanders, who is playing centerfield in baseball's Minor Leagues as a New York Yankee prospect.



Mike Gattling



John Embury

## Waugh pilots Essex to victory over Kent

LONDON, April 24, (Reuters): Australian batsman Mark Waugh piloted Essex to a six-wicket victory over Kent with an unbeaten 40 in the opening round of the English Sunday League 40 overs competition yesterday.

Waugh, who missed selection in the national team for this year's tour of England, saw Essex to their target of 166 for four with 4.2 overs to spare at Canterbury.

Earlier England opener Graham Gooch (34) and Brian Hardie (31) had compiled 54 for the first wicket in reply to Kent's 135.

Former England batsman Chris Tavare, who left Kent for Somerset during the winter, hit and unbeaten 120 for his new county but his efforts were not enough to prevent Hampshire winning by five wickets with four balls to spare.

Tavare stroked 15 fours and lofted two sixes in Somerset's 200 for eight in Southampton.

However, a fine all-round batting performance by Hampshire, led by captain Mark Nicholas with 57, saw Hampshire through to 221 for five.

Middlesex's England players Mike Gattling and John Embury were in fine form in their team's rain-interrupted win over Yorkshire at Lord's.

Off-spinner Embury took three for 37 in Yorkshire's 170 for nine with Ashley Metcalfe top scoring with 76 before rain stopped play briefly.

Middlesex's target was reduced to 162 off 38 overs and an unbeaten 81 by captain Gattling saw the home team to victory with 4.5 overs remaining.

### Results

At Canterbury: Essex beat Kent by six wickets. Kent 135 in 40 overs (N. Foster three for 25), Essex 136 for four in 35.4 overs (M. Waugh 40 not out). Essex four points.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Yorkshire on a faster scoring rate. Yorkshire 170 for nine in 40 overs (A. Metcalfe 76, P. Robinson 55, J. Embury three for 37). Middlesex 162 for two off 38.1 overs in an innings reduced to 38 overs (M. Gattling 81 not out). Middlesex four points.

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Somerset by five wickets. Somerset 220 for eight in 40 overs (C. Tavare 120 not out). Hampshire 221 for five in 39.2 overs (M. Nicholas 57, V. Terry 45, C. Smith 41 not out). Hampshire four points.

At the Oval: Surrey beat Gloucestershire by a faster scoring rate. Surrey 164 for five (38 overs) in 40 overs (D. Ward 57). Gloucestershire 81 in 19.1 overs in 38.1 overs (A. Murphy four for 22, M. Fetham three for 23). Surrey four points.

The following matches were abandoned without play (two points awarded to each team): Derbyshire v Northamptonshire, Leicestershire v Glamorgan, Warwickshire v Lancashire, Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire.

## Chesnokov lifts lid on Soviet discontent

NICE, France, April 24, (Reuters): Andrei Chesnokov's refusal to hand over prize money to his tennis federation has opened the lid still further on the growing discontent of top Soviet athletes with their country's attitude towards professionalism.

Chesnokov, the top Soviet male tennis player, followed the brave example of 17-year-old Natalia Zvereva, who a week earlier announced that, in open defiance of the Soviet authorities, she had decided to keep her own prize money and take on an agent to handle personal contracts.

With victory in the Nice Open and a winner's cheque of \$28,000 waiting for him, Chesnokov felt emboldened to follow the Soviet number one woman yesterday.

Revealing that, of his career earnings of more than half a million dollars, he had received no more than \$12,000 from the Soviet Tennis Federation, Chesnokov was in the mood for straight talking.

"When I won at Orlando last year, my prize money was \$59,500 and I got 496 bucks. Can you believe that?" he asked reporters at his after-match news conference.

"More people need to follow Zvereva," he said. "I spoke with other players. (Alexander) Volkov was very afraid — I don't know why. But Andrei Vysand was OK. He wants to go the same way as me and Zvereva."

Chesnokov also revealed that the discontent went beyond tennis and affected most levels of Soviet sport. He mentioned the names of two Olympic champions — pole vaulter Sergei Bubka and long distance swimmer Vladimir Salnikov — as others opposing the rigid Soviet system.

There are other good athletes like Bubka and Salnikov — everybody is fighting with the sports committee," he said. "Everybody wants to change the situation with prize money."

Their struggle plainly reflects an expansion of Soviet contact in world sport at a time of growing commercialism.

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Top Soviet soccer players have been allowed to leave and join Western clubs since last summer's European Championship and ice hockey stars have been permitted to move to the American National Hockey League.

Since tennis became an Olympic sport, the Soviet Union has become more active in promoting the game.

But players such as Chesnokov and Zvereva, capable of earning big prizes which they see only barely before they hand them over to their federation in return for some modest pocket money, were soon bound to become uncomfortable.

As they rub shoulders with rich young players from Western countries in glamorous venues in Florida or the French Riviera, it was inevitable that a revolt would start slipping.

Chesnokov slipped from 14th to 30th in the world rankings after an ankle injury late last year. "When I came back I had lost interest in playing tennis," he said.

"I was losing in the first or second rounds. But I had no motivation. Whether you win \$100,000 or \$200,000, you get nothing. So there's no interest in playing."

The fact that he and Zvereva feel able to speak openly about the problem says much about the changes which glasnost is making to Soviet society.

But how, and whether, developments will take place in Soviet sport remains unclear. The question of whether the rebellion will be joined by other athletes — such as soccer stars Alexander Zarev and Rinat Dassevayev, under contract with Italian and Spanish clubs but playing for pocket money, too, is also open.

One thing is certain. Chesnokov had a big grin on his face when he left his news conference in Nice asking: "Where do I get my prize money?"

### World snooker

SHEFFIELD, England, April 24, (Reuters): Former bus conductor Terry Griffiths needed only three more frames to book a place in the quarterfinals of the World Snooker Championship today.

The 41-year-old Welshman, who won the title at his first attempt in 1979, finished last night's session 10-6 ahead of South African Silvino Francisco.